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DEPUTIES COME TO BLOWS IN FRENCH CHAMBER

THAT "ITALIAN INTERVIEW".

Mahatma Confirms Contradiction.

Immediately after the publication of the statement which Mahatma Gandhi was alleged to have made to the "Giornale d'Italia," Mr. S. A. Brelvi on behalf of "The Chronicle" addressed the following cable to Gandhiji at Port Said:—

"Reuter cables your interview to Italian paper stating you are returning to India to continue struggle against England and to-day India is called to work of destruction—boycotting.

Kindly cable if correctly reported."

Mahatma Gandhi cables in reply on the 18th inst:—

The interview is baseless I have already contradicted.

Nariman's Challenge To Govt.

CHARGES AGAINST CONGRESS REPUDIATED

(From Our Correspondent.)

MADRAS Dec. 18.

Mr. K. F. Nariman arrived this afternoon and was accorded a grand reception at the Central Station. In the evening, he addressed a huge gathering at the Congress House grounds. Mr. Satyamurthy introducing the lecturer referred to the "Back Bay" hero's patriotism, persistence and courage. Mr. Nariman marched from service to service and hence fame naturally came to him. In welcoming him, they were welcoming the Congress.

One piece of news was that Mahatma Gandhi's so-called interview in Italy now proved a mere fabrication and a lie. Gandhiji would give long rope to the other party.

NO CHANCE FOR CO-OPERATION.

Mr. Nariman was given a thundering ovation on rising to speak. Speaking on the present situation, as a member of the Working Committee, he said, he was gagged to some extent, but would speak to their satisfaction when the time came. As Gandhiji said, the future was controlled not by the Conference results, but, by what happened in this country in Bengal, U. P. and Chittagong. Unless and until the martial law regime ceased, there would be no talk of co-operation. As a member of the Congress Cabinet he was authorised to repudiate the Government's charge that the Congress broke the Truce. In this, the Government acted like a shrewd lawyer, anticipating truth by framing counter-charges beforehand. The Congress observed the terms most religiously.

OFFICIAL TACTICS.

Since the Truce, many officials declared that Lord Irwin blundered and the Government wanted the break it at the first opportunity, because "Purna Swaraj" to India meant, calamity to Britain. Britain wanted her problem to be solved before that of India. Hence arise these efforts to break the Pact. Hardly Lord Irwin's back was turned than the situation changed. The Working Committee hesitated to send Mahatma Gandhi to London. The situation was patched up at the last moment. The Government was anxious that Gandhi should attend, because he held the key.

UNHOLY CONSPIRACY.

The darkest episode was the unholy alliance between some of their countrymen and their eminence country enemies in a conspiracy to defeat the Conference. But Gandhiji's presence and that strength of the defeated their motive. National feeling only grew with repression. It was Cruel of the Viceroy to appeal for co-operation and goodwill. How could the Congress sleep over such in-

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LAW TO REPLACE REGULATIONS IN N. W. F.

Inquiry Committee Recommends Civilised Methods

JIRGA TO MAKE ROOM FOR JURY

No Justification To Retain Murderous Outrages Act

The report of the Frontier Regulations Inquiry Committee which is now published contains recommendations of a nature to bring the judicial administration in line with accepted canons of civilised juris-prudence in place of the arbitrary and antiquated system that has existed till now.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

The circumstances under which the Government of India was obliged to institute this inquiry are associated with a staggering case in which a Frontier Citizen was arrested, tried, convicted and hanged summarily. The incident created a furore and evoked indignant protest from all quarters including the Assembly.

The Report is unanimous except for a small note by Mr. Mehr Chand Khanna of Peshawar who differs in certain details of the recommendations.

END THE DUAL SYSTEM.

The Committee draws pointed attention to the dual system of Jirga (or Council of Elders) first deciding and then the Deputy Commissioner reviewing and passing sentence. Unless sentences of death are passed in murder cases ending in conviction, such cases will go on increasing at a progressive rate as they have done.

The Committee recommends the replacement of the dual system by converting the Council of Elders into jurors and making them sit together with a judge who is empowered to pass any sentence of death.

JURY TRIAL.

Jury trial should be limited to cases of murder, culpable homicide, attempt to commit murder, abduction, kidnapping, dacoity and causing the disappearance of evidence. Parties should be allowed to be represented by legal practitioners.

FRONTIER CRIMES REGULATIONS.

The Committee recommends the repeal of Sections 11 to 20 of Frontier Crimes Regulation which relate to reference to the Council of Elders and the manner of enforcing the sentences.

The most important alteration proposed is that where a person is found carrying arms after sunset and before sunrise in such circumstances as to afford grounds for believing that arms are being carried by him with intent to commit a cognizable offence he shall be punishable with imprisonment of five years or fine or with both and his arms are confiscated. The provision that a village or part thereof may be fined as a whole is recommended to be repealed.

REPEAL MURDEROUS OUTRAGES REGULATION.

As regards the Murderous Outrages Regulation, the Committee recommends its immediate repeal on the ground that during the last 30 years only 4 cases were tried and the offenders in some of them were not prompted by fanaticism, but by motives of revenge.

SECURITY REGULATION.

Referring to the Security Regulation of 1922 which expired in March this year, the Committee does not think the present atmosphere is such as to require its re-enactment,

but if some movement is set afoot on a large scale then this Regulation may be revived provided that it is not applied to 'bona fide' residents of the Province.

As regards the Public Safety Regulation of 1931, the Committee notes that it will expire a few months hence.

Lastly, the Committee suggest the amendment of Section 9 of the Legal Practitioners Act so that it may be applicable to practitioners practising or desiring to practise in this Province.

New Pretext For Aggression In Manchuria?

TOKYO INSTRUCTIONS

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Tokio.—Japanese military authorities have instructed Chief-Commander General Honjo to launch an "extensive operations" against bandits in Manchuria. The official explanation refers to the "increasingly rampant effrontery of bandits menacing and disturbing South Manchurian Railway" and says that the bandits, co-operating with the Chinese troops, have been increasingly active since the Japanese withdrawal to the east of Liao River on November 28.—Reuter.

BENGALEE YOUTHS ARRESTED.

CALCUTTA. Dec. 18.

Following the searches all over the city, seven Bengalee youths were taken into custody this morning. Of them, two were released, three were detained under the Bengal Ordinance and two in connection with the arms find in North Calcutta.—A.P.

BRITAIN'S "NO" TO GERMANY

No Retreat From New Measures

REFUSAL TO DISCUSS CUSTOMS DUTY.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Berlin.—The British Government has declined to open discussions with Germany on the subject of the British Customs Duty on the ground that discussion is useless as Britain is determined not to modify her new measures.—Reuter's Special.

UNEMPLOYMENT BATTLE.

Veritable Boxing Match.

SECOND ROUND IN LOBBY.

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Paris.—There were fistcuffs in the Chamber of Deputies this morning.

During the debate on unemployment the Deputy for Limoges and the Socialist Deputy for Paris had a lively altercation in connection with employment at the hoe factory at Limoges.

The Limoges Deputy is said to have flung an insult at the Maris member as he left the Chamber.

The Socialist thereupon threw himself on his political adversary supported by his fellow socialists, and ushers had difficulty in separating the combatants. But this was only the first round.

In the lobby at the conclusion of the sitting, another Socialist member gave the Limoges Deputy a direct "right" and general boxing match ensued in which feet were also brought into play. The ushers intervening received cuffs for their pains.

More Socialists reinforced their man and the air became thick with insults. The melee was about to become general when one of high officials of the Chamber arrived and restored order.—Reuter.

DEPRESSION TELLS.

Huge German Firms Close Doors

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Berlin.—The famous engineering firm of Borsig, employing four thousand workmen, has suspended payments, but hopes to keep the workers employed until February on the several million marks orders in hand. Eighty per cent. of Borsig's productions went abroad chiefly to India, Egypt and Far East.

The failure (which only affects the Borsig works at Berlin and not the main concern which has factories and mines in Upper Silesia) is attributed to the lack of orders and losses abroad owing to the depreciation of the currency. The firm has been established for eighty years.

The well-known Thyssen iron foundry of Hamborn, Westphalia, is closing down from 20th December to 4th January owing to lack of orders.—Reuter.

VICEROY'S COUNCIL MEETING.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Willingdon held a garden party at Belvedere. Three thousand guests were invited. Amongst those who attended were His Excellency Sir Philip Chetwode, Commander-in-Chief, H. E. the Governor of Bengal and Hon. Lady Jackson, H. E. the Governor of Assam and Lady Hammond.

H. E. the Viceroy held a meeting of the Executive Council to-day. —A.P.

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dents like Hijli, Chittagong and Bengal? He appealed to the youth to take to the path shown by Mahatma Gandhi.

He added that the Congress as a body had officially observed the truce terms most honestly and scrupulously and remarked that the Congress President and he himself were prepared to let Lord Irwin, the author of the truce, to arbitrate and they would accept his verdict whether it was Congress or the officials who were really breaking the truce.

Sjt. R. Krishna Iyer then addressed the meeting on Guruvayur temple satyagraha.

Mr. Nariman left for Tiruppur to-night to preside over the Youth Conference.

10,000 VOLUNTEERS FOR GANDHI RECEPTION

PILSNA TO ARRIVE AT 8 A. M.

"Desh Sevikas" To Present Guard Of Honour

PATEL ACCOMPANIES MAHATMA

Elaborate preparations to accord a right royal welcome to Mahatma Gandhi on his landing in Bombay on December 28 are now in progress.

Inquiries made at the office of the B. P. C. C. reveal that a cable was sent to the Captain of S. S. "Pilsna" at Port Said and from his reply to that cable, it has been confirmed that the steamer will arrive in Bombay on Monday, December 28 at 8 a.m.

It is arranged that when the ship is sighted in the harbour, two steam launches carrying batches of Desh Sevikas in their uniforms and displaying national flags will leave the shore and escort back the steamer to the Mole.

RECEPTION ON BOARD STEAMER.

Gandhiji will be received on board the ship by all the members of the Congress Working Committee, prominent members of different provincial Congress Committees and local Congress leaders not numbering in all more than 50. Gandhiji will be escorted by them and a party of Desh Sevikas from the ship and led to the Central Hall of the Mole Station, which has been placed at the disposal of the B. P. C. C. for the occasion, and where the management will be entirely in their hands.

It has been arranged that other passengers arriving by the steamer will go to the Customs Hall while the Central Hall will be reserved for the reception of the Mahatma.

NO SPEECHES.

In this Hall floral tributes will be offered to Gandhiji and the ceremony will not take more than 15 minutes as there are to be no speeches on the occasion. It will be interesting to note that in being a Monday Gandhiji will be observing his weekly silence day, and therefore he will be a silent participant in the function.

It has however been arranged by sending a special cable to Gandhiji that he should begin his silence a little earlier on Sunday, so as to enable him break it on Monday afternoon at about 4 p.m. and address the mass meeting at Azad Maidan in the evening. It is understood that Gandhiji has conceded to this request.

After the function at the Mole, Gandhiji will motor to Mani Bhuvan, his Bombay residence. It will not be a procession in the usual form, huge crowds following the car of the Mahatma.

"SEVIKA" GUARD OF HONOUR.

When Gandhiji will emerge out of the Reception Hall the Desh Sevikas will present a guard of honour and then the car will start on its way to "Mani Bhuvan." It will pass through Ballard Pier, Frere Road, Bori Bunder, Cruickshank Road, Dhobi Talao, Princess Street, Kalbadevi Bhuleshwar, C. P. Tank, Girgaum Back Road, Prarthana Samaj, Sandhurst Road, Hughes Road Harvey Road and Labarnum Road and will reach Mani Bhuvan.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS ENROLLED.

The entire route of over three miles will be lined by 10,000 Congress volunteers which the B. P. C. C. is specially enrolling for this occasion. Brisk enrolling has been going on at the Congress House daily between 6-30 p.m. and 8 p.m. These volunteers will be clad in Khaddar and will be supplied special badges by the B. P. C. C. They will line the route on both the sides standing at short intervals.

The entire route will be decorated and at a distance of every furlong bands will be playing.

DEPUTATIONS GALORE.

On reaching Mani Bhuvavn Gandhiji will receive a number of deputations from different organisations in the city.

In the evening Gandhiji will address a meeting at the Azad Maidan. Loud speakers will be installed at different corners and Gandhiji will address the gathering from the Tata Terrace.

PATEL ARRIVING WITH MAHATMA

A cable received at the office of the B. P. C. C. from Port Said informs that Sjt. Vithalbhai Patel is also travelling with Gandhiji by S.S. "Pilsn" and will arrive in Bombay on December 28.

The B. P. C. C. is arranging a special meeting on the Azad Maidan on Tuesday, the 29th December which Sjt. Vithalbhai Patel will address.

Ordinance Defied In Allahabad

MRS. MOTILAL ATTENDS NO-RENT MEETING.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 18.

Among those present at the public meeting held this evening in connection with no-rent agitation were Mrs. Motilal Nehru, Babu Mohanlal Saxena of Lucknow, Mr. K. D. Palliwal of Agra and Seth Damodar Sarup of Bareilly. The three latter came here to attend the Agrarian Sub-Committee meeting to-day.

Among the speakers at the meeting were Mr. B. Sheomurti Singh, Secretary, District Congress Committee and Pandit Gokul Prasad, President, Soran Tehsil Committee, on whom notices have already been served. The usual resolution was adopted.—A. P.

Congressmen Gagged

ALLAHABAD Dec. 18.

A public meeting will be held this evening in connection with the no-rent agitation.

Orders have been served on prominent Congressmen prohibiting them from speaking at this meeting.—A.P.

POLICE FIRING IN U. P. VILLAGE

Congress Version.

The following is the Congress version of the incident:—The house which was to be searched was used as a Congress Ashram and was a spinning and weaving centre. When the police arrived it was locked. A woman, who was the mother of a Congress worker, protested against the police entering the house in the absence of the workers and suggested that the police might wait till their arrival. The police, however, did not wait and broke open the lock and removed from the house some foodstuff, a few charkhas and cooking utensils. When the police, it is said, was moving way with the things seized, a crowd of about 200 villagers gathered and some of them joined the woman in asking the police not to take away the articles from the Ashram. The police then fired out of fear, left a few things and took away the rest. Nobody was, however, wounded except, according to the Congress version, the woman who received injuries from the butt-end of a police musket.

Warrants have also been issued to the police of the circles concerned for the searches of the village Congress offices in Sirathu, Jasra, Khail, Phulpur, Handia, Sheogarh, Karma, Sirsa, Ismailganj, Soraon, Mau Aima, Manjhanpur, Bharwari, Meja, Bara and Panchchim Sarira. The results of searches in other Congress offices have not yet been received in official circles, except a couple of others, besides Ruda-

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JAWAHARLAL WILL FIGHT THE GAG

DHARWAR SPEECH

Boycott Of Foreign Cloth Stands In Peace Or War

(From Our Correspondent.)

DHARWAR, Dec. 18.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru arrived at Dharwar exactly at 7-30 a.m. from Hubli. After breakfast in Saraswat Colony, Panditji slowly drove through the richly decorated streets of the city in a well organised procession.

Sjt. N. V. Jog, M.L.C. read the municipal address. Panditji, then motored to a huge public meeting. After welcome song and garlanding on behalf of about thirty organisations a public address was read by Sjt. R. R. Diwakar.

"I AM BORN FIGHTER."

Panditji replying in Hindi said he was a born fighter. He was also ever ready to fight Sec. 144 launched already against him and policemen had been hounding him in Allahabad. But he kept his promise to visit Hubli, and Bagalkot for the Several work. He desired to meet the Officers and Cadets and speak to them. There was sufficient awakening in Karnataka as crowds of ryots beseiged him every few miles on his way Panditji hoped, people had not assembled for "tamasha."

POWER OF CONGRESS.

He then recounted the history of the Satyagraha movement and dwelt on the perfect orgaisation of the Congress and confidence of the country to win freedom at all costs. The nationwide Satyagraha and cessation of all activities in one day proved wonderful. The organisation of the Congress power in the country and the part played by women was significant. Sacrifice was natural to them but the organisation when men were clapped in jail should be extraordinary. Their fight was for the poor.

Pandit then referred to repression in Bengal and said Mahatmaji was disappointed in England. "The country should be ready for the fight which was shortly coming. We shall fight till one man, woman or child is left. The Government shall have to fight in every house. By Satyagraha, one man can fight an empire. In truce or in war, boycott of foreign cloth stands. For those more ready, I ask them to plunge into the fire immediately the fight commences.

ADDRESS TO STUDENTS.

Panditji then motored to the Congress office and had an informal discussion with the workers. He expects resumption of fight within a fortnight. When leaving for Hubli, he addressed a big gathering of students and shook hands with them all.

Sri Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya accompanied Panditji.

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J. G. RIDLAND,
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Bombay, 14th December, 1931. 4076

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 28th day of December, 1931, to 11th day of January, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
CURRIMBHOY EBRAHIM & SONS LIMITED,
Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents.
Bombay, 12th December, 1931. 4075

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The term for receiving Tenders for the Building of Mr. Mukundrao Dadajee Dhakjee Rane has been extended to 3 P.M. TUESDAY, the 22nd inst.

M.C. MODI & CO.,
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Bombay, 19th Dec. 1931. R6442.

PROCLAMATION.

PROCLAMATION is hereby made under Section 48 (2) of the Bombay City Police Act, IV of 1902, that a single diamond, weight 5-1/2 carats, English cut, of yellowish colour, which was received annonymously through the post by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, on the 16th February, 1931, is kept at the Head Police Office. Any person having a claim to the said property is required to appear before the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, and establish the same within six months from the date hereof, failing which the said property will be held at the disposal of Government.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1931.

G. S. WILSON,
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 18th December, 1931. 4099

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NOTIFICATION.

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3. Five per cent. should be paid with the application and the balance within a fortnight of the date of application.

4. The Board reserve the right to withdraw the loan from the market at any time.

5. For further particulars apply to the Chief Accountant.

By Order of the Board,
H. G. MHATRE.
Ag: Chief Officer
Bombay,
Dated 16th December, 1931. 4085

S. S. NAGATO MARU.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per the above steamer are hereby informed that she arrived on the 18th instant from Japan via wayports and been berthed in Victoria Dock No. 14. No survey on damaged cargo will be held unless a written application is received by us within seven days from the date of discharge and prior to the removal of goods from the Landing Shed.

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(Sd.) N. COOMBS,
Chief Officer,
Bombay Fire Brigade.
Fire Brigade Headquarters,
Byculla, Bombay,
18th December, 1931. 4097

HOUSE VALUATIONS FOR 1932-33.

NOTICE.

I, hereby give notice, as required by Section 160 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, that the entries, as required by clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Section 156 of the aforesaid Act, have been completed, as far as practicable, in the Ward Assessment Books for the several Wards of the City for the year 1932-33, and that the said Ward Assessment Boooks may be inspected at the Office of the Municipal Assessor and Collector between the 20th December, 1931, and the 14th January, 1932.

I also give notice, under Section 162 (1) of the aforesaid Act, that all complaints against the amount of any rateable value entered in the said Ward Assessment Books will be received in my office on or before the 14th January, 1932.

Complaints must be made by the property owners themselves, or by persons duly authorised to act for them in the matter under stamped Power of Attorney.

They shall be made by written application and, as required by Section 163(2) of the Act, shall set forth briefly but fully the grounds on which the valuation is complained against.

No complaints which do not fulfil any of these conditions will be considered.

H. K. KIRPALANI,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 19th December, 1931. 4071

Legal Notices.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

—:o:—

GEORGE V, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the last will and Testament limited to the property and credits mentioned in schedule No. 1 hereto of MAHOMED OOMER TARMAHOMED, late of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant, a Merchant, residing at Memonwada outside the Fort. ..... Deceased.

MAHOMEDALLY TARMAHOMED of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant residing at Memon Mohollа outside the Fort. ..... Petitioner.

ALL persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Probate.

Witness SIR JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this Nineteenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and in the twenty second year of our Reign.

R. B. PATEL,
Prothonotary and Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

H. A. VAKIL,
The 19th day of September, 1931.
Messrs. HARIDAS & CO.
Petitioner's Attorneys.

Legal Notices.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that ISHWARLAL MAGANLAL has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property and that all persons having any right, title, interest, claim or demand into or upon the said lands, hereditaments and premises or any part thereof by way of inheritance, gift, bequest, charge, mortgage, sale, lease, lien or otherwise howsoever are hereby required within 14 days from the date hereof to make the same known in writing to the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay or to the Collector of Land Revenue Bombay or to the undersigned at their office within the Fort, at 41 Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay and that otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to such claim if any and the same will be considered as having been waived and void.

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Dated this 18th day of December, 1931.

TYABJI DAYABHAI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY and INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and of the British Dominions, beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of GAJANAN GOPAL BORATKAR, of Surat Brahmin Hindu Inhabitant a retired Government Servant who at the time of his death was residing at Baroda. ..... Deceased

MORESHWAR GOPAL BORATKAR of Baroda, Brahmin Hindu Inhabitant a Government Servant the brother of the deceased abovenamed now temporarily residing at Dadar without the Fort of Bombay. ..... Petitioner.

ALL persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Probate.

Witness SIR JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid. this Seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand nine hundred and thirty one and in the Twenty Second Year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) R. B. PATEL,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

(Sd.) H. A. VAKIL,
The 17th day of December, 1931
Messrs. DIVEKAR & POPATLAL,
Petitioner's Attorneys.
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT NO. 2027 OF 1931.

ANANDRAO KRISHNARAO KOTHARE, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Thakurdwar, outside the Fort and carrying on business in the name of K. P. KOTHARE and CO., at Apollo Street, within the Fort, on behalf of himself and all other creditors of the business of "Duke and Sons, Fort," carried on by the Executors of the last Will and Testament of BACHUBAI, widow of Jamshedji Bhikaji Panthakey, Deceased. ..... Plaintiff.

Versus

(1) KAVASJI JAMSHEDJI PUNTHAKEY, (2) RUTTONSHAW JAMSHEDJI PUNTHAKEY and (3) BERAMJI JAMSHEDJI PANTHAKEY, the Executors of the last Will and Testament of Bachubai, widow of Jamshedji Bhikaji Punthakey, the first two residing respectively at Dadar and Fort in Bombay, the third at Gangapur in the United Provinces .. Defendants.

To,

The Creditors of the business of Messrs. Duke & Sons, Fort.

PURSUANT to the Order made by the Honourable Mr. Justice Barlee in Chambers on the 28th day of October, 1931, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under Order 1, Rule 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure that this suit has been filed by the Plaintiff abovenamed on behalf of himself and all other creditors of the business of Messrs. "Duke & Sons, Fort," against the Defendants abovenamed praying that the estate of the late Bai Bachubai Jamshedji Punthakey be administered under the directions of this Honourable Court that the amounts due to the Creditors of Messrs. Duke and Sons, Fort, be ascertained and paid to them out of the said estate or in the alternative out of the assets of the said business in priority to the creditors of the said Bai Bachubai or the legatees under her Will; that all inquiries be made accounts taken and directions given; that the costs of this suit be provided for; that if the said estate or the said assets are insufficient to pay the Plaintiff's claim the Defendants may be ordered to pay such deficiency personally; that in the alternative the Defendants may be ordered to pay the Plaintiff's claim personally; for receiver and for stay of Suit No. 1798 of 1931 pending the hearing and final disposal of this suit. And that the hearing of the suit has been fixed for the 6th day of January, 1932.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1931.

(Sd.) R. B. PATEL,
Prothonotary and Senior Master.

Messrs. SHAMRAO MINOCHEHER and HIRALAL,
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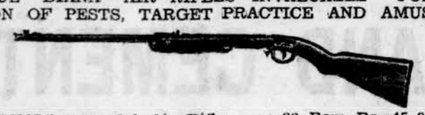

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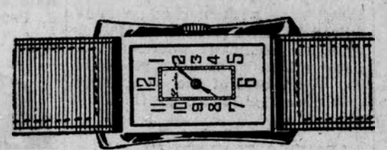

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LIBERALS PARTED WAYS WITH CONGRESS.

Diehard Propaganda In Britain.

The London correspondent of "Liberty" in a special cable to that paper says:—

Mr. Churchill's disclosures regarding the inevitability of Indian dissensions and Mr. Baldwin's denials have given rise to lively speculations as to what the Liberals and Moslems will do on their return to India. Mr. Churchill said in the India debate:—"In the last Parliament it was the part of an innocent lobby propaganda of Conservative whips that there was no need for Conservative apprehension about the Premier's declaration or about the Round Table Conference proceedings because all depended on agreement amongst the Indians themselves, and this agreement would certainly be not obtained."

Mr. Baldwin characterised this as pure invention.

The Liberals have definitely parted ways with the Congress and Mr. Gandhi. Very few of them were willing to protest against the Bengal Ordinance as they were not acquainted with facts. Liberal propaganda amongst political circles in London accuses Mr. Gandhi of being weak-kneed, saying that Mr. Gandhi was afraid of his own extremists and, therefore, would not take definite lines.

DIEHARDS' HOPES.

The diehard line of propaganda is that until and unless Mr. Gandhi can show his full control over the irreconcilables who would have in any case wrecked a settlement it was no use truckling to Indians. Their calculation is that the next few months would prove their case.

In any case as the Conference was adjourned, they could offer the very same concessions later on if Mr. Gandhi could accept a settlement not merely for moderate Congressites but even for the irreconcilables.

Monday's "Times" has a long despatch in the main page on the Bengal situation and significantly quotes "Liberty" as expressing disappointment with the lead given by Mr. Hardayal Nag, thus to prove by implication the attitude of certain sections of Congressites in any eventuality.

MR. SEN-GUPTA'S MEETING.

The adjourned meeting for Mr. J. M. Sen-Gupta to speak on Chittagong and Hijli wrongs will take place next Saturday. Mr. Brailsford, whose chairmanship was objected to, will be replaced by an Indian to preside over the meeting. While Mr. Saklatvala is very adversely criticised for not vacating the chair when Mr. Brailsford retired and thus letting down Indians whose only objection was to Mr. Brailsford and not to Mr. Sen-Gupta, the conveners are also criticised for trying to ride rough-shod over Indian opinion by treating a bogey of "communism".

In this connection the general Indian opinion is incensed at Mr. Gandhi's blessing of the Indian Commonwealth League which had consistently opposed the Congress until the Gandhi-Irwin Pact and had always been in the hands of Labourites and supporters of Labour Government. It is pointed out that before long it will take once again a lead from labourites like Mr. Lansbury who, while expressing disappointment with Government position, is opposed to Congress taking any direct action and pass it as the views of Congressites in India.

"RISE ABOVE PRESTIGE"

Landholders' Memorandum To Govt.

(From Our Correspondent).
MADRAS, Dec. 15.

"That the past can be no unerring guide for the future Government of a country, especially when the past and present differ in fundamentals is proved by the formation of a National Government in England to meet the present unsual situation," says a memorandum submitted to the Governor of Madras by some prominent landholders of Cocanada in which they plead for the withdrawal of the enhanced resettlement rates in the Godavari district.

LEADERS CLAPPED IN JAIL.

It will be remembered that this enhancement has been giving great dissatisfaction and anxiety to all ryots and their representatives of late, especially in view of the general depression and fall in prices and the Government's uncertain policy in the matter. Some prominent leaders of the ryots have been already clapped in jails. The Governor showed a stern face to the Ryots' Deputation some days back and even threatened to invoke the aid of an Ordinance to enforce law and order in case a "No-tax" campaign was launched by the former against the enhanced rates. The Congress is also apprehensive in the matter and Mr. Kaleswara Rao, Secretary of the Andhra Congress Committee, has been summoned by President Patel to confer on the situation.

PROSPECT OF "NO-TAX."

The memorandum characterises the enhancement as "hasty and out of time" and taken up without realising the vital facts and necessities of the situation. They ask the Government to abolish the present enhancement and postpone enforcement by 5 or 6 years more. Not that people would resort to a campaign of "No-tax" otherwise: the prospects of such campaign according to the landholders, are hazy. The Commissioner at Cocanada had asked them to combat such a campaign if one was launched in the Kistna District.

The memorandum concludes by asking the Governor to understand in his tours and by interview the depth of feeling among the ryots against all enhancement at present and to rise above prestige and meet our bear justice by withdrawal of the settlement rates and thus earn their confidence.

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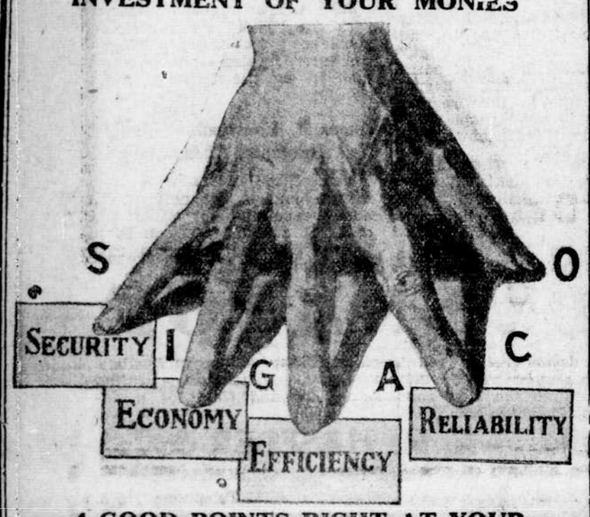

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PRESIDENCY WOMENS' COUNCIL'S WORK.

The following are extracts from the annual report of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council:—

During this year the Council had the misfortune of losing their most popular and able President Lady Dorab Tata. The Council arranged a condolence meeting with Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in the Chair, where glowing tributes were paid to Lady Tata, in whom not only Bombay but the whole of India had lost a most capable worker for the cause of the women and children of this country.

The policy of co-operating with other Social organisations in Bombay has been continued and representatives from our Committee were sent to the various Associations—such as the Bombay Women's Committee on Educational and Social Reform the Vigilance Association, and the Hospital Maintenance Fund Committee. The number of members this year is 502 and the number of Donors 5, and Life Members 35. We have 28 Affiliated Societies, and 2 Branches, and a representative of each is appointed on our Committee.

BRANCHES WORK SATISFACTORILY.

Our two Branches at Poona and Ahmedabad are doing very useful work. The Poona Council feel it a necessity to start a Babies' Creche, and we hope the idea will fructify.

The Ahmedabad Council is conducting one Creche at Prem Darwaza, which is doing a very useful work, and deserves financial help from the Ahmedabad public.

The Rescue Home of the Women's Council has continued its excellent work. Mrs. Sirur was appointed as one of the Trnstee of the Rescue Home Endowment Fund, in place of Mr. Framji R. Wadia deceased; the other 2 Trustees being Lady Tata deceased and Mrs. F. S. Talyarkhan.

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN INDIA.

An item of great interest is the Parliamentary Sub-Committee's report on Labour Conditions in India. The absence of "Minimum wage Legislation in India", is a great drawback, because women in some factories are very badly paid, against which there is no redress. Want of recognised Trade Unions is also a matter for serious consideration for Labour Problems in India. There are certain laws which are passed but not enforced such as the Sarda Act. the Indian Mines' Act, etc. while in many other matters further legislation is required.

During the Biennial Meeting of the National Council of Women in India in Bombay during February 1932, a Labour Conference is to be held to which our Council will send delegates, and as the Conference is open to the public we invite our members to take part in it and make it a real success.

At the Fifth Imperial Social Hygiene Congress held in London, in July, under the auspices of the British Social Hygiene Council our Delegate Dr. Mrs. Noronha read a paper on "The Care of the Syphilitic Mother and Child in India". Our thanks are due to her for attending the Conference on our behalf.

PLACE OF WOMEN IN FUTURE CONSTITUTION.

A Draft Memorandum was prepared jointly by the National Council of Women in India and the All-India Women's Conference and the Women's Indian Association, on the Status of Indian Women in the proposed new Constitution of India. The Council passed the draft, with an amendment which emphasised that an adequate literacy test was essential for the candidate at any election to an Administrative or Legislative Institution.

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CORPORATION AND NOMINATION

Futile Protest Against Govt. Action

There was a heated debate at the adjourned meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation Thursday afternoon on Mr. P. G. Sahasrabudhe's resolution condemning the action of government in increasing the nuumber of nominated seats by four. The resolution was moved at the previous meeting but the discussion on it was adjourned to this meeting.

The resolution ran as follows:

"That the Corporation, while thanking the government for complying with corporation's wishes regarding the distribution of the ten coopted seats, enter an emphatic protest against government's deliberate action of increasing their nominations by four additional seats in the face of Corporation's determined opinion and demand for doing away with the nomination altogether."

NOMINATION NOT WANTED.

Resuming the discussion, Mr. Motichand Kapadia supported the resolution observing that they did not want the nomination in any shape or form.

Mr. Hirjibehedin, further supporting the resolution, condemned the subtle move of thrusting four more nominated seats on the Corporation. He knew that their condemnation was not going to avail much; however, they must not fail in their duty.

Dr. Colaso explained how the bill of Rao Bahadur Bole was passed by the Council. The proposals in the bill were adopted as a temporary measure pending the final decision of the R.T.C. over the constitutional question.

"UNGRACIOUS AND IMPOLITIC."

The Municipal Commissioner said that he did not propose to discuss the merits of the system of nomination, as the Corporation had expressed a decisive opinion about it on more than one occasion. But he had no hesitation in saying that the proposition before them was a most ungracious and impolitic one. He thought that in this matter Government had acted by the Corporation in a very handsome manner; and if they could not bring themselves to acknowledge this fact, the least that they could do was to keep quiet about it.

GOVT. DESERVE CENSURE.

Mr. H.P. Mody challenged the legality and the propriety of the resolution.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, supporting the resolution, replied to Mr. Mody. He was not prepared to believe that government were innocent in getting the bill passed in the Council. Nothing could be passed in the Council if government did not want it. Government deserved censure for the four seats that they had pocketed.

Dr. G. V. Deshmukh observed that to a certain extent Corporation had to be blamed for the increase in the nominated seats. They had made the beginning of the folly by doing away with cooption. Nomination was bad in principle. But if the four increased seats would be reserved for the nomination of women there would then be no objection to the action of government. He hoped that the House would be satisfied by that suggestion.

Mr. Meyer Nissim opposed the resolution. It was their fault. Government were prepared to abolish cooption in case the interests of the minorities were properly safeguarded.

At this stage closure was accepted and the resolution was put to vote. It was thrown out in the division, only 13 members voting for it and 26 against.

MUNICIPAL FINANCES.

Dr. J. N. Choksy then moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Motichand Kapadia.

"That in view of the increased and ever-increasing demands on the Municipal finances and in view of the vaguely defined spheres of Local and Provincial Taxation resulting in a conflict between Municipal and Government interests and further in view of the recent encroachments by Government on sources of income which legitimately belong to this Municipality, His Worship the Mayor be requested to address a representation to Government requesting them to summon a joint Conference of the representatives of the Municipality and the Government to consider the situation and to find a solution to avoid over-lapping of spheres and recurring conflict of interests at an early date."

On the amendment of Dr. J. V. Vora it was referred to the Revenue and the General Purpose committee.

Madras.—A man whose identity has not been established was killed in motor accident near Anderson Bridge on Thursday morning. Police are investigating.—A.P.

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Another Protest Against Terminal Tax.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Passengers & Traffic Relief Association it was resolved to submit its protest against the proposed levy of a Terminal Tax by the Bombay Municipality.

An appeal to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department was submitted urging that the imposition of this iniquitous tax would entail great hardships on suburban passengers, whose income was limited, that it would stop, to some extent, daily necessaries of life such as fish, fruits, vegetables, milk, etc. now supplied by the suburbs and make them dearer in the city, that it would operate harshly on 3rd class short distance passengers, and that if a terminal tax must be imposed, it would be more equitable to levy it on long distance passengers coming from beyond Kalyan on the G. I. P., Virar on the B. B. & C. I. and Dharamtar and Uwa on the harbour ferry service lines on a sliding scale charging higher rate for the 1st and 2nd class and a lower rate for the 3rd class passengers.

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Prof. Harold Laski writes in "Daily Herald":—

I do not know whether the rumour be true that the Tories demanded the India Office from the Prime Minister as part of the price of Coalition; certainly is is difficult to gainsay the fact that Sir Samuel Hoare's tenure of office has changed the atmosphere there.

For while Mr. Wedgwood Benn co-operated with Lord Irwin, in the last two years of the latter's great Viceroyalty, there was hope of a real Indian settlement. It seemed not unlikely that what Durham did in Canada, and Campbell-Bannerman in South Africa might be repeated on a wider scene.

Little of that hope remains; and it is difficult not to attribute something at least of the responsibility to Sir Samuel Hoare. He the typical representative of that Tory tradition which the public schools and the ancient universities manufacture.

UNIMAGINATIVE.

Competent, in a narrow way easy to get on with, so long as you share his point of view, able to command gracefully, but finding contradiction unpleasant, energetic, determined, he knows the thing that he wants.

He is unimaginative. His whole mind is shaped by the unconscious assumption that his class is born to rule, and others to obey. England, for him, is a country which the land-owner, the great merchant, and the banker have brought to mighty power. Let them continue to rule and the mig will remain.

He exhibits the velvet glove, but the mailed hand is never invisible. He has a certain silkiness of manner, but you have never a doubt that he is encased in steel.

No one can deny to Sir Samuel Hoare the virtues of his class. He has courage, loyalty to his creed real determination, the power which comes to the man who never knows when he is beaten.

He really believes that the well-being of England depends upon its being governed by Eton and Oxford.

He simply cannot understand that men think differently who live differently, and that, ideologically, he is the prisoner of a mid-Victorian world which was dead before he was born. For him, 'noblesse oblige' has real meaning; but it implies not the effort to penetrate alien experience and expand its principles by learning from it. Rather it means that alien experience must adjust itself to his principles.

ONE-SIDED.

Otherwise, by a transition of which he himself is quite unconscious, it becomes sedition and must be dealt with accordingly It was the greatness of Lord Irwin that an appreciation of alien experience made him enlarge his vision.

The danger of the man of Sir Samuel Hoare's type is that their vision is a Procustes' bed into which alien experience must, at whatever cost, fit itself.

The consequences with him and his type are not difficult to explain. He will see legal difficulty rather than moral difficulty, administrative complication rather than psychological blunder.

He can see the danger to commerce of an unyielding wage-level; he cannot see what its degradation means to millions of working-class homes. He can see the importance of prescription as the guarantee of the rights of the people to whom he belongs; he cannot see the necessity of innovation if other people are to win their place also in the sun.

He can be impressed by the generosity of what we spend upon the social services; he does not even realise how much more we ought to spend if we are to be just. The lines, in a word, of his essential England are narrow and rigid and tightly drawn. An invation of their contours would seem to him a defiance of the laws of nature.

OBSOLETE FORMULAE.

If you watched him at the Round Table Conference, you could not help a feeling of dismay that he presided over the destinies of India at this juncture. Tight-lipped, unbending, encased in a set of historic formulae which time has made largely obsolete, he was, I think, a little dismayed by the implications he encountered there. He will do his duty according to his lights; but those lights have been dimmed for all but a handful of Indians. He does not talk the same language as Mr. Sastri, or Sir Tej Sapru et alone Mr. Gandhi, even when he utters the agreed formulae. Their minds are on the substance of power, his is on the safeguards Their sense is of the necessity of advance, his of its dangers. They dream of how progress may be made; he reflects upon how order may be maintained.

A STRANGE LANGUAGE.

That last, at bottom, is the root principle of Sir Samuel Hoare's philosophy. Order, for him, is really Heaven's first law. He will not discuss grievances if you violate order. You are entitled only to that freedom which the law gives you. It does not occur to him that the law as it is was made by his class to protect itself.

He will listen to a peaceful account of its inadequacies. But since its necessity, as the energising principle of the Commonwealth, is bred in his very bones you will find persuading him a task of immeasurable difficulty.

He will listen to you, patiently and courteously, but, as soon as you touch fundamentals, he will, though he does not know it, be listening to a strange language.

"NEVER YIELD".

He will be what it is customary to call a "strong" Secretary for India. In a Cabinet where the Prime Minister dislikes to take a decision, where Lord Sankey's ethical approach will seem to him weak sentimentality, his unshakable confidence in himself will secure an easy triumph for his outlook.

He will never realise the truth of Burke's great words that "measures of lenity are means of conciliation"; for him, measures of lenity means a sacrifice of the foundations of order.

He will see clearly and vividly the indefensible iniquities and follies of terrorism in Bengal: he will not understand that, again to quote Burke, "the people have no interest in disorder, where they do wrong, it is their error and not their crime."

To him, yielding will be a proof of weakness. He knows the benefits that Great Britain has brought to India; he has never learned how to count their cost.

Sir Samuel Hoare is one of those single-track minds which an aristocratic system always produces. They are competent pilots in fair weather, when nothing has to be done but to maintain the course Their weakness is their unadaptability, and that, at bottom, is due to a lack of imagination.

Sometimes one catches in Mr. Baldwin's speeches an openness of mind, a desire to be convinced an eagerness to pool his intellectual resources, which make one feel that he realises the place that prudence must play in politics.

With Sir Samuel, prudence means an adjustment by his opponent to the inescapable basis of Sir Samuel's principles. He will not argue upon other premisses, because he cannot understand the existence of other premisses.

No one must think that this rigid attitude is, for him, operative only at the confines of empire. He would apply it with monotonous impartiality to his own fellow-countrymen.

RETRIBUTION.

I am quite certain that he thinks the last election a just retribution upon the trade unions for their desertion of true British ideals. He has never grasped the complexities of truth, its grim relativity to experience. He is the prisoner of his training In 1776 he would have been with Lord North on the ground that there can be no discussion with rebels.

In 1907 he would have complained of the reckless folly of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. He distrusts innovations on principle. He has never doubted that his opponents ought not to be entrusted with power. That authoritarianism which is of the essence of the Tory faith finds its full embodiment in Sir Samuel Hoare.

RECEPTION TO GANDHIJI

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir.—May I beg the use of a little space in your valued paper to make a suggestion to the Congress Authorities in Bombay? It is this. Arrangements should be made for Gandhiji to land at Appollo Bunder on his arrival in Bombay.—Yours etc.

INDIAN.

Madras.—In an interview condemning the recrudescence of terrorist activity in Bengal Mr. S. Satyamurthi said:—"I can only say what Lord Morley wrote to Lord Minto when he wanted extraordinary powers to deal with terrorists. Lord Morley wrote and told him that while he was willing to support law and authority he was not going to be stampeded into counter terrorism and particularly asked him to take all reasonble precautions and face the future with philosophic calm."

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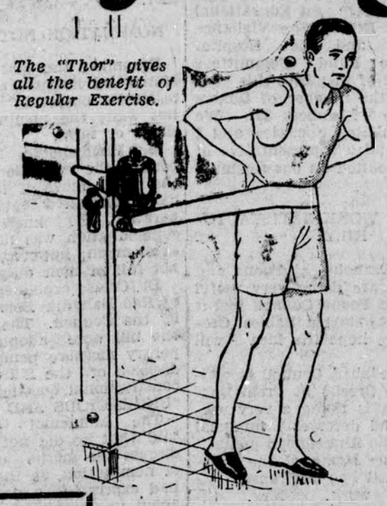

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TO-DAY'S INDIAN RADIO PROGRAMME.—12 noon selection of gramophone records 9-20 p.m. (items of Indian programme not announced.)

B. J. HIGH SCHOOL, THANA.—The Prize Distribution of the School comes off to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. (S.T.) The Hon. Govindrao B. Pradhan will preside and Lady Pradhan will distribute the prizes.

BAND AT VICTORIA GARDENS.—The Band of 1st. Battalion the East Lancashire Regiment will play a programme of music at the Victoria Gardens, Byculla, Bombay to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.)

LECTURE ON HINDUISM.—Under the auspices of the Youth Lodge T. S. Swamiji Vishvananda of Sri Ramkrishna Ashram, Khar, will deliver a lecture on "Hinduism" to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Blavatsky Lodge Building, French Bridge.

PUBLIC MEETING IN VILE PARLE.—Under the auspices of Vile Parle Congress Committee, a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. in Gandhi Chowk, when Sjt. Swami Anand will address the gathering on Present Situation.

SUBURBAN SWADESHI BAZA.

—The Suburban Swadeshi Bazar will be opened to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. at Bandra on Municipal grounds. Sir Lalubhai Samaldas will perform the opening.

UPPER-PAREL CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE.—The Dadar Co-Operative Institute has decided to hold a Conference of all co-operative societies in upper-Parel area to-day (Saturday) at the Kavarana Building, Poibawadi, Parel. Prof. V. G. Kale, has been requested to preside over it.

SHIELD MATCH.—One of the matches in the Purshottam Hindu Cricket Championship Shield Matches Tournament between the Sowd Saraswat Cricket Club and the Young Friends' Union Cricket Club will be played on the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana Ground to-day (Saturday) and Sunday (20th inst.) at 2-45 p.m. and 11 a.m. respectively.

KITTE BHANDARI AIKYAVARDAK MANDAL.—Under the auspices of this Mandali, a prize distribution will be held at the Kitte Bhandari Hall, Durgadevi, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. when Lady Sykes will preside and distribute the prizes.

K. R. CAMA ORIENTAL INSTITUTE.—A public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute Sukhadwala Building, Ravolin St., Fort, under the auspices of the Iranian Community of Bombay, at 6-15 to 7-45. The subject will be "The Visible and Invisible Universe" as expounded in "Vohu Esfoma."

BYE-ELECTION IN C WARD.—The Bye-Election to the B. P. C. C. from the 'C' ward will take place on the 20th inst. between 8 to 11 a.m. (S.T.) and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The candidates are: 1 Mrs. Lilavati Hansoti; 2 Mr. Dalpatram Pathek; 3 Mr. Gajendranath Sharma; 4 Mr. Navroji Bamanji Panthaki and 5 Mr. Bhagwandas M. Sheth.

The Special urgent meeting of the C ward Congress Committee's council will be held to-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m.

Bombay Advocates & Pleaders Conference

The General Secretary of the Bombay Advocates' and Pleaders' Conference writes:—

"The first session of the Conference will be held in the Convocation Hall, Bombay University, to-day (Saturday) at 3 p.m. (S.T.) and on Sunday (20th inst.) at 12 noon. Devan Bahadur T. Rangachariar will preside. A restricted number of free visitors' passes and gallery passes will be available to the public from the Secretaries at the Convocation Hall to-day (Saturday) from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (S.T.) Students of the Law College will be admitted to the gallery without passes."

RS. 200,000 INVOLVED.

Criminal Misappropriation Charge Against Mr. Ameerudin Salehbhai Fails

Judgment was delivered by Mr. H. P. H. Dastur, Chief Presidency Magistrate on Friday in the case in which Mr. Ameerudin Salehbhai Tayabji a prominent member of the Dawoodi Borah Community and a close relative of the Mullaji Saheb of the Borahs was charged with criminal misappropriation in respect of a sum of Rs. 200,000.

The complainant in this case was Mr. Kurban Husein Abdul Husein also a member of the same community. It was alleged by the complainant that the accused who was a partner in the firm of Salehbhai Tayabji and Sons misappropriated a sum of Rs. 200,000 which was donated by his mother Sakinabu for the maintenance of the Tayabia Madrasa at Surat. The money it was stated was taken by Mr Dawood Khan brother of the accused to the Mullaji Saheb and he (Mullaji) was asked to create a Trust of that amount. But as no Trust of cash could be created according to the tenets of Borah theology the Mullaji Saheb gave a cheque of that amount to Mr. Dawood Khan and asked him to get suitable property for the Trust. It was alleged that at the instance of the accused the sum was transferred to the account of the firm.

WAKF COMMITTEE MEMBER'S EVIDENCE.

At the hearing on Friday Sirdar Suleman Kasam Mitha a member of the Wakf Committee gave evidence. He stated that hee was a member of the Committee at which evidence of several persons was recorded. Some members took down notes of the evidence. Some of the members of the Committee did not know English but there were no arrangements made for an interpreter. Mr. Velinkar did not cross-examine the witness.

Khan Bahadur J. S. Kadri, M. L. C. and Secretary of the Wakf Committee was then examined. He stated that there were no arrangements for an interpreter. The notes of the evidence given by the witnesses were sent to them and they returned the same with corrections if they wanted to make any.

Cross-examined by Mr. Velinkar witness said that he had no personal recollection of what were the exact words used by the accused when he gave evidence before the Committee but he could say that what appeared in the printed report was a correct substance of it.

EXEMPTION FOR MULLAJI?

On the conclusion of the evidence Mr. Davar informed the court that he had come to know from Mr. Walker who generally represented the Mullaji Saheb that once the same court had exempted the Mullaji Saheb from appearing in the court.

The Magistrate said that he had not granted an exemption. What he remembered was that in connection with a case he had issued a summons against the Mullaji asking him to appear as a witness. Later he was informed that the Mullaji's gharry was stopped on the way and the summons was served. This the (Magistrate) had not authorised. Afterwards he found that the attempt of the party was merely to drag the Mullaji to the Court and he therefore exempted him from appearing in the Court.

Mr. Velinkar:—But where is the notification that was said to have been issued by the Local Government?

Mr. Davar produced a letter of the Political Agent to the Mullaji Sahib informing the latter that he was exempted from appearance in civil courts.

Mr. Velinkar:—That does not apply to criminal courts.

Mr. Davar:+But what is the use of wasting time when once exemption was given by the same court?

Mr. Velinkar:+That was without argument. (Laughter).

The Magistrate held that the letter was not the notification of the Local Government. And if there was no notification he would not grant the exemption.

Mr. Davar:—Then sir, I am not going to call him as a witness unless exemption is granted. This is my case.

ACCUSED'S ORAL STATEMENT.

The accused in his oral statement said that his mother had donated a sum of Rs. 200,000 for the maintenance of the Tayabia Madrasa. That amount was handed over to the Mullaji Saheb. It was not given to his firm by the Mullaji. The amount stood in the name of Mr. Dawood Khan and at his instance the transfer entries were made in the books of the firm. He did not misappropriate the money. In fact it was never entrusted to him.

Mr. Davar requesting the court to frame charge against the accused said that he was a partner in the firm with Dawood Khan. Both the partners were heirs to the estate of their father in which their mother also had a share. It was to pay the share of the mother which was Rs. 400,000 that they borrowed the sum from the Bank of India and paid her claim. Out of that sum she donated Rs. 200,000 to the Tayabia Madrasa. When Dawood Khan took the sum to the Mullaji Saheb, he enjoined it on him to buy suitable property but instead the money was put in the accounts of the firm, and no property was purchased. Thus there was the intention to misappropriate the sum and when the accused in his evidence before the Wakf Committee stated that nothing was done to improve the condition of the Tayabia Madrasa he understood that the money was with the Mullaji Saheb. It was dishonest on his part to make the statement.

DEFENCE PLEA.

Mr. Velinkar submitted that the sum was never entrusted to the accused. What happened was that Mr. Dawood Khan got the cheque of Rs. 200,000 from the Mullaji. He put it in his personal account, in the Bank of India and later put the money in the account of the firm but that was in his personal account. The accused had nothing to do with it. As to the charge of misappropriation there was no evidence of the Mullaji Saheb having ever asked the accused or his brother about the money.

ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

The magistrate held that there was no evidence to show that the money was entrusted to the accused. It was entrusted to his brother and he put it in the account of the firm. Although the accused was a partner in the firm he could not be held responsible for what the other partner might do in his individual capacity. There was also no evidence to show that he misappropriated the money. The money as was evident from the account books was with the firm. The only other allegation against the accused was that he made the statements before the Wakf Committee with dishonest intention but on reading that evidence carefully the Magistrate found that there was nothing dishonest in it. He, therefore, discharged the accused.

Bombay Pays Tribute To Martyr For Freedom

COMPLETE BOYCOTT OF FOREIGN CLOTH URGED

Several Congress leaders addressed a public meeting on Chowpatty sands on Friday evening and paid tribute to the memory of the late Sjt. Kalishanker Bajpai who died exactly a year ago as a result of the injuries sustained due to the charge on the funeral procession of Babu Genu.

The meeting was organised by the B. P. C. C. and Sjt. Nagindas T. Master presided.

The president at the outset paid a tribute to the memory of the late Sjt. Bajpai who he said, was one of those who laid down their lives in the course of the non-violent struggle for freedom.

It was such sacrifice at the altar of freedom that would ultimately lead the nation to success.

Speaking on the present political situation the president observed that from the attitude of the Government and from what was going on in the various parts of the country it was clear that the Government was out to crush the Congress.

Gandhiji was arriving shortly and he would give the right lead to the country. The speaker appealed to the audience to be ready to respond to the call of the Mahatma.

Mr. I. S. Patel, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas and some other speakers also addressed the meeting. They exhorted the audience to emulate the example of the late Sjt. Bajpai by preparing themselves for the highest sacrifice in the cause of the country.

The speakers also appealed to the audience to boycott all foreign cloth as that was the surest way of attaining their goal.

PEOPLE'S BANK'S AFFAIRS

Employees Demand Priority For Their Dues

LAHORE, Dec. 18.

The Division Bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of Justices Bakshi Tenchand and Jialal heard to-day the application of the employees of the People's Bank praying that as they were no party to the scheme formulated by the directors, shareholders and depositors repayment of money due to them as security or in provident fund account should have priority over all other claims.

Counsel for employees contended that they would oppose the scheme for revivification of the Bank if preference was not given to their money.

Counsel for the Bank argued that they should have raised this objection at meetings of creditors where some of the employees were present and to object at this stage would mean delaying the scheme. Counsel submitted that as their securities and provident funds had been mixed up with the bank's money, no preference could be given to their claims and pleaded for sanction of the scheme.

Their Lordships after hearing arguments for both the sides reserved judgment till Tuesday.—A.P.

BOMBAY RACES.

Selections For To-day's Races.

(BY "WATCHDOG".)

1ST RACE—
1. LIGHT SPARK
2. DANGER
3. WAHEED

2ND RACE—
1. HATTAMTAI
2. MUKBUL
3. SHIYA'A

3RD RACE—
1. HAPPY WARDEN
2. GREY CLOUD
3. QUI VIVE

4TH RACE—
1. FINANCIER
2. ROMANESCO
3. BLACK JEST

5TH RACE—
1. SHRI GANESH
2. IRAN
3. ECLAIR

6TH RACE—
1. BRAY BEAU
2. AVELINE
3. SOME BRIDGE

7TH RACE—
1. HILLCOTT
2. DAN LENO
3. APLOMA

8TH RACE—
1. ANCHOR
2. AL HAMIL
3. AMAR

"FREE PRESS" EDITOR FINED

For Publishing Proposals For Unlicenced Lotteries

Bombay, Friday.

Mr. K. Srinivasan, Editor, printer and publisher of the "Free Pree Journal" was sentenced to pay fine of Rs. 50 each on three different counts by Mr. H. P. H. Dastur, Chief Presidency Magistrate on Friday.

The accused was charged for printing in his paper proposals for unlicensed lotteries. Mr. H. B. Spencer appeared for the prosecution while the accused was undefended. Inspector Lyons in his evidence stated that the accused published in the issues of his paper on September 6, 13 and 24, 1931 a proposal for Irish Hospital Sweep Stake and R. J. Dugan Limited Sweeps.

ACCUSED PLEADS GUILTY.

The accused pleaded guilty and stated that the advertisements were inserted at the instance of an advertising agent in Bombay named Rajan who advertised these lotteries on behalf of the client at Rajmahendry.

The magistrate found the accused guilty on all the three counts and sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 50 on each count.

NEW PRESS ACT IN ACTION

Security Demanded From Dr. Savarkar

A security of Rs. 1000 was demanded from Dr. N. D. Savarkar Editor, the "Hutatma Shraddhananda," under the new Press Act, when he presented himself to make a fresh declaration before the Chief Presidency Magistrate.

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THE CONTRAST

Mahatma Gandhi has promptly repudiated his alleged interview with a representative of the Italian Paper, "Giornale d' Italia." That interview was a crudely concocted affair and in places it was seriously inaccurate and at any rate appreciably different from what Gandhiji had said but a few days before. For instance the interview made him say: "I return to India to continue the struggle against England." This almost suggested that Gandhiji had definitely made up his find about the future course of action even before consulting his Congress colleagues. The suggestion was preposterous, even apart from the fact that but a few days before he had said that he would keep an open mind till he had consulted his colleagues. Gandhiji now states that he did not give any interview to any journalist in Italy. But while he is naturally anxious that his repudiation should be given the widest possible publicity, it may be doubted if it would overtake the false report soon enough. However those that care are now reassured by Gandhiji that he will not take any precipitate action; and he again appeals to his countrymen to exercise the same caution. He has also given the assurance that, should direct actior be again found necessary, he would make ample previous cntreaty to the authorities. We hope he will never again use the expression "on bended knees."

Contrast Gandhiji's anxiety for peace and his regard for the Delhi Agreement with the Government's aggressive, reckless methods and its complete violation of the spirit and the letter of the Agreement. Gandhiji's appeal to his fellow-countrymen to exercise restraint and caution will no doubt be duly responded to, though the appeal was somewhat superfluous. But we doubt if he realises how the Government of India is mocking at restraint and caution. It is proceeding from one aggressive step to another at a pace which can do it no good. Indians are prepared for every sacrifice; nay, when they find it a necessary price for liberty and honour, they rejoice in sacrifice. But Mrs. Naidu says in a press interview "loyalty by legislation and friendship by coercion are impossible between nations as between individuals." While Gandhiji is still speaking of co-operation with and even entreaty to Government, here is Government trying to enforce loyalty through Ordinances, frivolous bans on men's freedom of speech and movement, indiscriminate raids and arrests, and unheard-of-privileges given to zamindars in U. P. to arrest no-rent propagandists and to seize and destroy leaflets. Nay, the U. P. Government seems to be in such a desperate state of mind that it warns the zamindars that if the directions given to them are not attended to, they should not expect any assistance in the collection of revenue. It may be safely inferred that for sheer self-preservation a zamindar will take care to arrest a minimum number of Congressmen regardless of justice. This method of making a zamindar, a sort of police constable is hardly calculated to endear him to his tenants. But it appears the Government cares more for revenue than the relations between the zamindars and their tenants. Government's ways are calculated, if not designed, to make Gandhiji's co-operation hereafter impossible. He will deplore the result but will be prepared for the contingency.

EXPOSED.

Along with the publication of "Emerging Powers" Ordinance, the U. P. Government issued a memorandum explaining their need of asking for such powers from the Viceroy. In that memorandum they attempted to make out a case against the Congress leaders in the provinces, accusing them, by quoting from their "pilfered" letters, of stirring up strife on political grounds. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his address to a Bombay audience on Tuesday last exposed this official trick of divorcing from the context certain expressions used in their communications by Congress leaders and challenged the U. P. Government to publish the full correspondence.

Mr. Sherwani in a press statement issued on the day the official memorandum was published exposes by quoting chapter and verse this grossly unfair tactics of misleading the public. From his letter dated October 21, the Government quote a passage, mutilating it in such a manner as to twist its meaning for a purpose favourable to them. Their rendering of the passage is,

"The agrarian situation has come to our rescue, of which we should take the fullest advantage. I am sure if we stir it a bit, the entire tenantry of the province of every community would come within our fold." Mr. Sherwani in a letter to the "Leader" points out, that in his original letter the word "it" in the last sentence was not used and has been interpolated to give the passage an entirely different meaning.

Mr. Sherwani had written in his letter of October 21:—

"The idea generally is that it is the duty of every Mussalman to bring Muslims within the Congress fold. While as a matter of fact the Congress is not a communal organisation it is the duty of every Congressmen, whether Hindu or Mussalman, to carry out the Congress propaganda in all and every community. In this respect the agrarian situation has come to our rescue and we should take the fullest advantage of the situation. I am sure if we stir a bit, the entire tenantry of the province, to whatever community it may belong, would come within our fold. I, therefore, ask you to enrol as many Muslim members as you can."

The reason why this passage was so completely and mischievously distorted in the official memorandum is abundantly clear. The U. P. Government in their desire to crush the Congress movement are obliged to employ this unworthy actics. But they will fail.

THE WHOLE POUND.

The U. P. Legislative Council has passed the official Bill amending the Agra Tenancy Act, under which the Government is authorised to realise through its own agency the arrears of rent due to landlords as arrears of the land revenue in any area notified in the U. P. Official Gazette in the event of a general refusal to pay rents. Hitherto the peasants paid rents to the Zamindars, who in their turn paid land revenue to the Government. But in view of the no-rent campaign in the province, Government has come to the rescue of the Zamindars and is prepared to collect their bills. That is, of course, a little unusual. But more unusual things have recently happened in the U. P. and many more are impending. And an open alliance between Government and Zamindars to get the whole pound from the famished peasant is not perhaps the blackest feature of the new regime. However, it is something indeed that common suffering will knit together the Congress and the peasants more closely and vitally than ever before, and not in U. P. alone.

NOTHING DOING

The walk-out of the three Nationalist members from the Round Table Conference on Burma to express their dissatisfaction with Lord Peel's statement of Friday last produced results with which the Government delegates have reason to be satisfied. Lord Peel has now explained the "misunderstanding." He said his object in making the statement was "merely to define for the guidance of the conference what appeared to be the field for useful discussion." Lord Lothian too helped in the task of pacifying the delegates. He assured them that the Premier's declaration of January 19 in regard to India applied also to the future constitution of Burma. To Mr. Ba Pe's inquiry whether both the declarations regarding India, that of January 19 and the latest one of December 1, were applicable to Burma, Lord Lothian gave an affirmative reply. Mr. Ba Pe was satisfied and the surprising thing is, so was Mr. Tharrawady Pu. If the object of the conference was to give Burma Dominion Status, he declared, he would have no objection to participate in the debates.

So the Nationalist members, after their one day's walk-out, are actively participating in the conference and the British delegation have won at least the first round. It is doubtful, however, whether the Burmese people as a whole will accept the constitution proposed by the British Government for a separated Burma. The Burmese will "enjoy" self-government with no power over the public purse, with the control of the army and external affairs reserved by Britain and also with certain portions of their country excluded from this "self-government" in British imperial interests. A separated Burma is to be created as an imperial asset, where British economic exploitation of the land is to continue undisturbed and Burmans are to be made to pay for the Empire's military needs in the North-East Frontier. The academic discussions at the conference will continue. They will not affect the British Government's pre-arranged plans. When Mr. Tharrawaddy Pu and his colleagues return home they will find it hard to explain to their countrymen what kind of 'Dominion Status' they had secured.

INDEFENSIBLE

The Bombay Municipal Corporation stultified itself by its refusal to pass a resolution, at its meeting last Thursday, condemning the action of Government in increasing the number of nominated seats by four. By 26 votes to 13 the resolution was rejected, the Progressives coming to the rescue of Government to support this indefensible action of pocketting four seats. The Corporation had recently declared itself against the principle of nomination. It could have reaffirmed its attitude but Mr. Mody found some "impropriety" in the resolution, now that the Bombay Legislative Council had passed a measure increasing the seats for nomination, and the Municipal Commissioner lectured the members of the Corporation on the "ungracious and impolite" step of condemning the Government when they had treated that body in a "handsome manner." It is difficult to understand wherein lies this "handsome" treatment. The Government have helped themselves by coolly pocketting more seats. The Legislature could pass the measure because of the votes of the official bloc. The Government have been unfair to the Corporation and instead of "keeping quiet over it," as Mr. Kirpalani wanted them to do, it was its duty to register an emphatic protest against this unfairness.

Trifles

That veracious interpreter of Indian conditions to the British public, Sir Percival Phillips, is busy at it, providing sensation after sensation for his paper the "Daily Mail."

Cabling from Calcutta on November 29 he said: "Government is at last beginning to deal with the Congress terrorist movement in Bengal." This persistent and dishonest attempt to father terrorism on the Congress is part of the British dehard campaign to howl for more repression in India but the Fleet Street Knight adds sauce to it in the following:—

"The task of ridding Chittagong of its turbulent Bengalis is not one which the Gurkhas and Mahrattas would undertake with reluctance because of any affection for the Bengalis."

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Now you or I, friend reader, do not know about the movements of troops in Chittagong. The Ordinance has put an embargo on such news. But a "Daily Mail" special correspondent, of course knows all about it and can spit out this communal venom.

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"M.P.'s are bewildered by the different voices which emanate from the India Office," complains a British journal. Now that Sir Charles Teggart is to have a seat on the India Council he must take this sort of thing in hand and promptly put a stop to it.

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At the meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in Calcutta, Sir George Schuster dilated on "the difficulties of retrenchment in lower grades." Sir Malcolm Hailey ought to have given him a tip. The U. P. Government's proposal is to effect a 10 per cent. cut in salaries above Rs. 40 a month, and a cut of 6½ "for subordinates drawing between Rs. 25 and Rs. 40 per mensem."

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Sir Malcolm is a just man. He cannot tolerate the idea that in this time of financial stringency when the "Covenanted" on Rs. 2,500 a month "suffers," the subordinate on Rs. 25 should be allowed to escape.

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"The position now is that the British Government have made the way clear for responsible government in India."

Mr. Gavin Jones' impressions of R. T. C. The way is certainly being cleared by the steam-roller of Ordinances.

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Anglo-India: "The Secretary of State is part both of the Government of India and of His Majesty's Government and is the connecting link between them."

A couple of things that—my apologies to Mr. Punch—could have been said more gracefully.

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Having piled up a total of 810 runs for two innings the Free Looters of Bombay defeated the Aligarh University by 389 runs. Having thus lived up to their criminal name they also annexed a big gold cup.

I am a law-abiding member of society. Still, I must congratulate them.

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Economic reasons made it essential that there should be disarmament, said Sir Herbert Samuel in mail week.

In view of the fact that the speech was confined to the position in Europe, it has not been considered necessary, (1) to hold an emergent meeting of the Executive Council at New Delhi or (2) to issue the necessary explanation from India Office.

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An actress who was to have performed at a London mental institution was mistaken for a patient and locked up until after the concert.

It is hoped that proper recognition will be forthcoming of the sense of discrimination displayed by the attendants concerned.

A RESERVE BANK FOR INDIA.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE POSITION OF THE IMPERIAL BANK?

(BY OUR FINANCIAL CRITIC).

If the Reserve Bank is established, how would it transact the Government business which would be entrusted to it? Would the Imperial Bank continue to enjoy the monopoly of this work which gives it not only the financial advantage of free balances but the additional benefit of prestige or would there be a different policy in this matter? Would Indian banks be entitled to some portion of these privileges or would they be still treated as step-children? Would the Reserve Bank insist on the agent paying for the prestige and financial advantages they obtain? Would the Reserve Bank do its best to spread itself out and make its influence felt as widely as possible or would it become an ornamental figure? Would the Imperial Bank become an ordinary joint stock bank or would it get special status through a legislative enactment?

The Central Banking Committee which went into these problems was content to leave the Imperial Bank in its present privileged position and this is not to be wondered at considering the composition of the Committee. The only two dissentients were Mr. Manu Subedar who wrote a separate Minority Report and Mr. N. R. Sarker whose views have unfortunately been entombed as an appendix to his dissenting minute on the Foreign Exchange Banks. Both of these are well worth study, the first because it deals with the financial aspects of the growth of power and influence of the Imperial Bank and the second because it deals more specifically with the question of the charter for he Imperial Bank.

IMPERIAL BANK, NO HELP TO INDIAN INDUSTRY.

Mr. Subedar quotes figures to show that the cash position of the Imperial Bank has been deteriorating in the last few years and, in some instances, the cash balance is almost wholly composed of the Government deposits. If we take into account the deposits of the municipal and other semi-public bodies which are more or less forced to keep their funds with the Imperial Bank (an estimate of which would be about fifteen crores of rupees) it will be seen that the Bank has not been making that use of its funds which the public expect. Moreover, the security holdings of the Bank have increased to a very undesirable extent, having increased from Rs. 10,02 lakhs in March 1928 to Rs. 29,74 lakhs in March 1931 and now standing at nearly Rs. 31 crores. The Bank is thus seen to be using its resources more for financing the Government than for the development of trade. It has been slowly abdicating its functions on behalf of the commercial classes and has reduced itself to the level of an over-cautious investor. Is it a matter of surprise that Indian industry has not progressed as rapidly as it ought to?

A CLOSE ALLIANCE.

Mr. Subedar also draws attention, as does Mr. Sarker, to the close alliance apparent between the Imperial Bank and the foreign banks "in their evidence and on our Committee on most of the matters that were discussed." And the constitution of the share-holders

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IN THE U. S. A.

A NATION OF OPTIMISTS.

(BY GEORGE RAFFALOVICH).

ATLANTA, Nov. 13.

What is happening in the United States to-day is of vital importance to the rest of the world. It will remain important until after the election of the next President. In a way the campaign is on, although the candidates are not officially selected. In this chaotic country, where electoral campaigns last a year, and ignore the major issues, it is always difficult to predict. The only certain thing to my mind is that Herbert Hoover will not be President in 1933. He may be candidate. Even though the old Republicans know that he will be defeated, they dare not at present offer another candidate, because that would be a confession of failure. Americans who think at all about politics are not many, but still enough to prevent a man being elected whose party claims that he can do better for the common man than the much advertised Mr. Hoover. Greater failure as a man, a politician and an economist has never been put forward than this President. But he is not to be blamed for the depression. Not alone at least, because every American went on an orgy of spending for several years.

MOST DICTATORIAL COUNTRY.

The word 'depression,' by the way, must no longer be used here. Officially there is no depression. Only a nation of incorrigible optimists could resort to such methods of self-persuasion. Newspapers will not report speeches that tell the truth about the world's terrible situation. Any writer who knows the truth about the depression, the American tariffs and the American aggressive salesmanship is silenced by the simple method of boycott. America was populated by those Europeans who thought that the land beyond the rainbow, the country behind the hills was better than their own. No matter what colour, religion or political affiliation he finds himself clothed in, the American is, therefore, a product of optimism, rashness, recklessness and boasting. What other reason could have made this heterologous nation so eager to tell the world how to run its affairs? Is not America the least humanistic but the most dictatorial country?

PROHIBITION.

Nevertheless, I can see the dawn of a dissatisfaction which will eventually stir even this self-complacent mass of optimists. The next year is going to be the most interesting in the history of a comparatively young nation. The people of India know well that there is no such thing as a turning point. The world marches on without any special stop where one may touch the ground and say: this is a turning point. But a period is coming to a fading-out into the past. It is even possible that a majority of voting Americans (very few Americans really vote) will recognize the new signs and adapt their thoughts to new ideas. Several problems will be discussed up and down the states. Prohibition (which does not prohibit, which made infamous bootleggers millionaires) will be much criticized, but the more retrograde section of the Christian Churches will do everything possible to prevent a free discussion of the problem. Briefly, here is the situation: Everybody drinks; ministers drink; students and schoolboys drink; women get drunk with increasing frequency; most of those who drink vote, or at least give money to those who vote, 'dry.' A 'dry' is usually a crank, ill-bred and ill-informed, who has a vast amount of impudence and ambition. He

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NOTES OF THE DAY

Sedition Against Satan.

When a few days ago we read the report from our Ajmer Correspondent that the local Government had proscribed the Hindi translation of Mahatma Gandhi's well-known book, "Self-restraint versus Self-indulgence", we were naturally loath to believe the report, as we knew that the book was only a strong plea for Brahmacharya. We felt that some one ignorant of Hindi had sadly blundered and expected that either the report would be contradicted or the silly ban would be forthwith withdrawn. But neither even has happened and probably there is no limit to censorial vagaries in the present day India. A writer in "Young India" says that the book "certainly creates disaffection against all manner of vice and dissipation; it is full of sedition against Satan". And the writer wonders if that "comes, according to the ideas of the Ajmer Government, under Section 124-A, of the Indian Penal Code." Will the Director of Public Information concerned explain?

A Silly Canard.

It is a stupid canard that is being circulated in certain parts of the city that the Desha Sevika Sangha is discriminating against Muslim shops in its picketing activities. Everybody that has used his eyes knows that for the last eighteen months and more the brave, selfless Desha Sevikas have picketed numerous foreign cloth shops owned by people of all communities without the least trace of communal discrimination and that it is while picketing non-Muslim shops and localities that most of the Sevikas were arrested last year. It is true, as the Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee have pointed out, that for a few months past owing to the paucity of volunteers the Sevikas have been picketing different localities one after other in turn; and it may well be that some particular locality has more Muslim shops in it than non-Muslim ones. But it is crass stupidity, if nothing worse, to accuse the Sevikas of communal discrimination.

Congress Scale Of Salaries.

Mr. K.C. Reddy, a young Nationalist member of the Mysore Legislative Council, deserves to be congratulated on his bold and just resolution in the Council for genuine and permanent retrenchment in the cost of administration. The resolution was an attempt to approximate to the Congress scale of salaries to public servants as early as possible by a scheme of progressive reduction of salaries above Rs. 100 a month. It stated that all higher salaries should be reduced permanently on a progressive scale ranging from 5 per cent. to 33-1|3 per cent. The resolution was, of course, doomed to be defeated in the present Council, and as a matter of fact, it was defeated by an official majority. But it was something that it was pressed to a division and elicited a fair amount of support despite what was called its revolutionary character. Though it is now defeated it will not fail to rouse the conscience of the people steadily till it is universally adopted as being both just and inevitable. Mr. Reddy eloquently warned the House that if the principle of his resolution was not soon recognized, "history will repeat itself and the Time Spirit will swallow up the hope of static and stagnant statesmanship which would fain stick to formulas framed before the flood." It is an old warning in new words.

Yogic Culture In Bombay.

We have received a copy of a Review of the Activities of the Kaivalyadhama of Lonavla for 1924-30, and it is very gratifying to note the excellent pioneer work done by this institution in popularising scientific Yogic culture. In the words of Pandit Motilal Nehru, who visited the Institute and highly commended it to the country, Swami Kuvalayananda (Dr. J. G. Gune), the Director of the Institute, "has opened out an entirely new field of research and has already shown that the different aspects of Yogic Culture and therapy can not only stand the fierce light of modern sciences but are well in advance of all that has so far been discovered in the West." Swamiji's work has also been much appreciated by a number of other Indian leaders, by some provincial Governments including that of Bombay, and several reputed physical culturists and savants of the West. The people of Bombay will be particularly glad to learn that Swamiji has been persuaded to start shortly a centre in the Bombay suburbs.

Federation Or Union Has Not Ogreed To Closing Down Of Matunga Workshop

MR. JAMNADAS MEHTA ASKS RESTIVE WORKERS TO AWAIT COUNCIL OF ACTION'S DECISION

Though the gates of the Matunga workshops were closed on Friday, the workers presented themselves as usual in the morning and held a meeting in the tiffin shed and speeches were made by Messrs. Phatak, Chowdhery, Sakoor Muhammad and Dr. Gawande.

The workers then formed themselves into procession and marched to the Kamgar Maidan, Parel where another meeting presided over by Dr. Gawande was held.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta speaking said that the statement of the G.I.P. authorities that Federation or Union have agreed to the closing down of the shop was not correct. He quoted several passages from the minutes of the meeting held between the Federation and the Railway Board and said that the Federation is opposed to any sort of retrenchment. He announced that he had received wires from E.I. and M. & S.M. Railway workers asking for his opinion as regards the desirability of a general strike on all railways, but he advised the workers to wait for the decision of the Council of Action.

MR. GINWALLA'S SUPPORT.

Mr. F. J. Ginwalla who appeared for the first time before the G.I.P. workers since the last strike said that he had full sympathy for the Matunga workers and would help them as much as he could. Messrs. Patankar and Vaidya also addressed the meeting and congratulated the workers upon the bold resistance they are determined to offer to the G. I. P. authorities.

AGENT ASKED TO WITHDRAW.

Thereafter Mr. Chowdhery moved the following resolution:—

"In view of the statement of the Railway Board made before the Railwaymen's Federation on the 3rd December 1931 that only 140 men will be surplus in the Matunga workshops and efforts will be made to absorb them, the statement of the G. I. P. authorities that 900 men are surplus in the Matunga workshop is incorrect and therefore calls upon the G.I.P. Agent to withdraw the notice regarding closing down of the Matunga workshops on every Friday and Saturday immediately."

PLEA FOR MILITANT LEAD.

Speaking on the resolution, Mr. Chowdhury said that the G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union was quite prepared to abide by the decisions of the Council of Action provided it was in the best interest of the workers. Referring to the wires that Mr. Mehta has received from several Unions, he said that the B.N. and N.W. Railway workers are already on strike and E.I. and M. & S.M. men are impatient for the same and if even now the Federation refuses to give a militant lead to the workers and takes shelter behind the Court of Inquiry, the workers will rightly hold it responsible for all these atrocities.

Mr. Sakoor Mohamad seconded the resolution and was passed unanimously.

NO FURTHER POSTPONEMENT.

Dr. Gawande in his closing speech, condemned the G.I.P. authorities for attempting to cut down the already meagre wages of the Matunga workers. He did not agree with the proposal of Mr. Mehta to defer any action till the Court of Inquiry is sitting and said that the workers must always be in readiness to meet all eventualities. The meeting then dispersed.

INDIAN STATES AND FEDERATION

Mr. K. M. Panikkar Interviewed

Among the prominent arrivals by S. S. "Chitral" on Friday were Sir Manubhai Mehta, Dewan of Bikaner State, Sir Gulam Hussein Hidayatulla, member of the Executive Cohncil of the Government of Bombay, Mr. K. M. Panikkar, and Mr. Gavin-Jones.

Mr. K. M. Pannikar, Secretary to the Indian States' Delegation, in an interview with a Press representative declared that the delegation was generally satisfied with the Prime Minister's statement and looking forward to the promises contained in it being implemented in India as early as possible.

The main question affecting the Indian States was, he said, the allocation of seats between the States themselves in the Federal Legislature. On this question there was considerable difference of opinion between members representing the Chamber of Princes and others on behalf of individual states. The former favoured a larger upper house in order to enable individual representation to all members of the Chamber, while the delegates representing the bigger states, such as Hyderabad and Mysore favoured a small upper House in which individual representation of states would not be possible.

In this connection, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald made it quite clear that the allocation of seats would in the first instance, be left to the Chamber of Princes to determine, and failing an agreement in the Chamber, would be referred to an arbitral committee.

The immediate activity on the part of the Princes, therefore, was, he continued, to come to an agreement among themselves on this important question. Steps were being taken to ascertain the views on the subject of as many states as possible and to reach a provisional understanding.

It is believed that this question will loom large in the politics of the State during the next three months.

Sirdar Jarmani Dass, Minister of Kapurthala State, who was a substitute delegate to the Round Table Conference who also arrived by the S. S. "Chitral".

AUSTRALIA V. SOUTH AFRICA.

The Second Test Match.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Sydney.—The second test match between Australia and South Africa commenced here today. South Africa batting first made 153. Australia before close of play made 78 for one wicket.—Reuter's Special.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD MATCH.

(SPECIAL CABLE)

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Adelaide.—In the Sheffield Shield Match between New South Wales and South Australia which commenced here to-day, New South Wales made 393 runs in their first innings (Nutt 102 Hird 60 Leadbeater 57.)—Reuter.

CRICKET AT MELBOURNE

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Melbourne.—In the match between Queensland and Victoria which commenced here to-day, Queensland were out in their first innings for 200 (Nagel four for 52). Victoria at the close had made 21 for one.—Reuter.

SEQUEL TO SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

Indian Crew Sent To Prison.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Singapore.—All except one of the Indians of the "City of Perth" who struck have been sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.—Reuter's Special.

POLICE PICKETS POSTED AT COMILLA.

COMILLA, Dec. 18.

Profulla Nandy, 4th year student of a local college, who was arrested at Akhaura has been brought here under police escort.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police arrived here last night.

Police pickets have been posted at important centres of the town and the court rooms are being guarded by armed police.—A.P.

Sterling-Dollar Cross Rates.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(Special Service For The "Chronicle")

T. T. ON NEW YORK

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Previous	Close	3.45¼
To-day's	Opening	3.42½
To-day's	Close	3.34
Difference		—11¼

T. T. ON LONDON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

Previous Close	3.45
To-day's Close	3.36
Difference	—.9

INDIA'S COLOSSAL POVERTY.

Why Congress Wants Control Over Army And Finance.

SATYAMURTY'S WELCOME TO DELEGATES TO MADRAS EXHIBITION

MADRAS, Dec. 16.

"There can be no higher service which an Indian can do to his country to-day, than to help in reducing to some extent the colossal poverty of the country, doing something to relieve the chronic unemployment of thousands of our countrymen, and making life in this country less of a struggle with hunger and disease, than it is today." said Mr. S. Satyamurthi, President, Madras Mahajana Sabha in welcoming Sir M. Visveswarayya and other distonguished ladies and gentlemen at the opening of the All-India Swadeshi Exhibition this evening at Congress House.

SUBSTANCE OF FREEDOM.

He added: "Incidentally, I may say that it is this feeling which prompts the Indian National Congress, when it asks and works for the substance of freedom, and not for the mere transference of limited power from one bureaucracy to another. If to-day the Indian National Congress wants control over Army expenditure and over Finance, it is because the Congress realises that Swaraj will mean nothing to the hungry millions of this country, unless the Swaraj Government can and will take up a constructive programme of agricultural improvement and industrial regeneration on a five year or ten year plan. This, the Congress knows, it cannot do, unless ample resources are at the disposal of the new Swaraj Government."

CHARKA EXHIBITS.

Among the numerous exhibits on view at the All-India Swadeshi Exhibition at the Congress House a very interesting one is Mr. P. V. Joglekar's spinning wheel called "twist controlled tube spinning machine" which the "contraction" caused by the twisting of yarn has been very ingeniously utilised as a power control the twist itself. This simple machine which has been patented gives accurate results and its special features are simplicity of construction, adaptability for work in villages, larger quantity of yarn, production of required count, uniformity of yarn and no extra labour for hanking. A treadle spinning machine also exhibited by him is claimed to be capable of giving over 1000 yards of yarn per hour.—A.P.

GANGSTER SHOT DEAD

Bullets Pierce Through Jack Diamond's Brain

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Albany.—Jack Diamond has been shot dead.

After a party to celebrate his acquital on the charge of kidnapping a lorry-driver, the notorious ganster Jack Diamond was shot dead by two unidentified gangsters who burst into Diamond's room not far from the Capital and sent three bullets straight through his brain.—Reuter.

RECENT BOMB EXPLOSION IN PATNA.

PATNA, Dec. 18.

In connection with the recent bomb explosion in the bungalow of Mr. A. R. Tiplis, District Magistrate of Bhagalpur and the discovery of a live one, it is now learnt that on the latter was nailed a piece of paper on which it was written in Hindi that there would be another bomb in a week's time. The bomb is reported to have been double the size of a polo ball.—A.P.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' LEAGUE.

A party of students and sympathetic youths has been arganised by the Bombay Students' League to receive Mahatmaji on his arrival. All the members of the League, students and sympathetic youths are hereby requested to see the Secretary at the League's office and obtain permit cards from him, between 4 and 6-30 p. m. (S. T.)

The League has aslo thought of holding a meeting exclusively for the members of the League, students and sympathetic youths with the permission of Mahatmaji who is to address them. Admission for the students' meeting will be by tickets which will be issued by the office on formal application. Mahatmaji will be requested to speak on his "Message to the youths and students and the work to be done in the future." Tickets for the meeting will be available at the League's office between 4 and 6-30 p. m.

B. P. C. C. COUNCIL MEETING.

An urgent meeting of the Council of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held at 7 p.m. (S. T.) to-day (Saturday) at the Congress House.

MINISTRY IN SEPARATED BURMA

Powers And Responsibilities

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Joint responsibility of the Ministry and its formation from the largest party, choice of Ministers from either House, at least one of them belonging to the Upper House, a maximum of six or eight Ministers whose salaries should be irreducible by vote and the right of the Governor to preside at his discretion over Cabinet meetings were among the views put forward at this morning's discussion at the Burma Round Table Conference on the Ministry.

Other points included the advocacy that their salaries should be such as to meet the requirements of patriotic men rather than be a financial attraction. It was also urged that the Ministers should be free to address either House and defeat in the Lower House on an important measure should involve resignation of the Ministry, vote of non-confidence not being essential.—Reuter.

ORDINANCE DEFFIED IN ALLAHABAD

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pur, where nothing was recovered. —"Leader."

Drivers Warned Not To Carry Congress Workers.

ALLAHABAD, December 18.

The District authorities in Allahabad are busy in taking steps to counteract the no-rent campaign. The District Magistrate has issued an order directing zemindars and others to arrest no-rent propagandists, to watch and report movements of Congress workers and to seize and destroy leaflets and warning them that if these directions are not attended to, they should not expect any assistance in the collection of revenue.

MOTOR VEHICLES DRIVERS WARNED.

The Superintendent of Police has also issued a warning to owners and drivers of public motor vehicles not to carry Congress workers proceeding to villages for the purpose of distributing leaflets or making speeches in connection with the "no-rent" campaign.

Both these orders have been issued under provisions of the new Ordinance.—A.P.

ARREARS OF RENT.

Bill To Realise It Through Govt. Agency.

LUCKNOW, December 17.

The United Provinces Legislative Council has passed a Bill to amend the Agra Tenancy Act providing that arrears of rent may be realised through the Government agency, as arrears of land revenue in respect of any are to be notified in the event of general refusal on the part of the tenants of such areas to pay rent due by them. A similar provision was incorporated in the Oudh Rent Act in 1921, when there was a movement locally known as the "Aika Movement" to withhold payment of rents.

The Council also adopted a resolution recommending the appointment of a Committee to report regarding measures which may be necessary to protect agricultural land and agricultural produce from being sold on account of debts.—A.P.

MAINTENANCE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS EMPHASISED

King Faud Opens Parliament

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Cairo.—"Egypt's intellectual revival and its moral preponderance over the Oriental peoples mark her out for the honour of bringing the Arabic language to the level of science and art. The punctuation and capital letters are being introduced in the Arabic dictionary and technical terms are being prepared." This is a passage from King Faud's speech at the opening of Parliament, amidst picturesque pageantry.

The speech also emphasised the maintenance of the cordial foreign relations, particularly with Britain and hoped that an opportunity would soon arise to settle the outstanding question. It affirmed that the new constitutional regime had acquired stability and the nation was able to settle down. It added that the steps were being taken to encourage the sale of large stocks of Government cotton, of which limited quantities had already been sent to Bremen and Le Havre.—Reuter.

DUKE MARRIES ACTRESS

(SPECIAL CABLE)

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Greenwich (Connecticut).—The Duke of Manchester has married Miss Kathleen Dawes, former London actress.—Reuter.

RALLYING THE MODERATES

BRITISH PLANS.

Attempt To Split Congress

LONDON, Dec. 14.

With the arrival of Liberal and Moderate delegates in India will commence a campaign the real objective of which will be to crystallise a party or movement which will accept in all good faith the main reforms which have been foreshadowed in Governmental declarations but which will only be given when such a powerful party will actually appear in the horizon.

The main outlines of the next steps are that the Committees will visit India in the beginning of spring and another Conference will take place in the autumn. Hesitating elements in the Congress will be appealed to not to throw the country in a fresh turmoil but to come out courageously and pave the path for settlement.

On the other hand with the new year a decisive struggle will begin between the diehards and the MacDonald-Baldwin group. Mr. Lloyd George will certainly intervene and it is believed that he will use all his powers to overthrow the present Cabinet even in secret collusion with the diehards. No one can say what will be the outcome but reshuffling of the Cabinet on the cry of another national crisis is considered a distinct possibility.—"Liberty."

INSURANCE IN INDIA

Officials Meet At Dinner

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

On the occasion of the annual meeting of the Indian Life Assurance Offices Association, Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarker, President of the Association, was entertained last night at a dinner at the Willingdon Club, by the Bombay members of the Executive Committee. Insurance Officials from all parts of India were present.

Mr. H. Edwin Jones of Oriental, welcoming Mr. Sarker, referred to his various activities and requested him to take up the cause of the Association. Speaking of the future of the Indian Insurance, he drew a bright picture and asked all the insurance men to co-operate for the progress of the Indian insurance.

Mr. Sarker replying thanked the Bombay members and said that such social functions enabled them to work in co-operation without resorting to a spirit of rivalry and unhealthy competition. Insurance business, he said, required and promoted comradeship and it was up to the insurance men to work in that spirit so that real progress might be made.

INSURANCE IN INDIA.

Mr. Cama, Chairman of the Empire of India, referred to his 35 years association with the insurance business and regretted that the insurance was not making good progress in India.

Replying to Mr. Cama, Mr. S. C. Ray of the Hindustan said that the insurance in India, in recent years, had made good progress and although it had not prospered so much as in the U. S. A. or Great Britain, there was no doubt that in the immediate future it would show striking progress.

Mr. Churi said that the poverty of the people stood in the way of the progress of insurance.—A.P.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET

Teas Dull.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

Jute shares opened steady, owing to slightly better Hessian market and a moderate turnover resulted. There was also demand for good preference shares. In coals, little attention was paid and only small business changed hands at quotation rates. Teas were dull. In the miscellaneous section, sugar shares met with some enquiry with sellers reserved while others showed very little change. Government Securities were quite. The following were the closing quotations.—

Securities.—5 per cent. Bonds 1933 96/12.

Railways.—Katwa Railway 48, Barasat Basirhat Light railway 59/4, Bukhtiarpur Rihar Light Railway 65, Katakhal Lala Bazar Railway 47, Mymensingh Bhairab Bazar Railway Rebate 64.

Cottons.—Benares Cotton and Silk 1/6, Kesoram 3/2, Muir Mills pref. 49/8.

Coals.—Equitable 17-12, Raneegunge 31/4.

Jutes.—Alliance ordy. 251/8, Anglo-India ordy. 300, Cheviot pref. 107/8 cum div., Clive Ordy. 27/4, Delta pref. 93/8, Fort Gloster pref. 104, Fort William 255, Howrah ordy. 39/1, Hukumchand pref. Lawrence pref. 104, National ordy. 20/4, New Central pref. 107/8, Presidency 5/12.

Miscellaneous.—Bengal Iron 2, Indian Galvanizing 7, Indian Iron and Steel 3/1, Associated Hotels of India pref. 61.

Sugar shares.—Belapur sugar 62/8, Carew and Co. 10/10, Cawnpore 20/4, Champaran 20, New Savan 11/14, Dauracherra tea 4/8.—A. P.

CITY NOTES

THE JUPITER INSURANCE COMPANY.

(BY OUR FINANCIAL CRITIC.)

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

I wish to congratulate the management of the Jupiter General Insurance Company on the very informative balance sheet they have submitted to the shareholders and the full statement that accompanies it. All that the public or the shareholders would want to know about the company could be obtained by a careful study of these papers.

"PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF."

Before dealing with them I wish to refer to the proceedings of the annual meeting. The shareholders wanted to put in practice the doctrine of 'Swadeshi' enunciated by the Chairman, Seth Lalji Naranji. They claimed that if Indian enterprises were to be supported by the public, this same support should be given by these enterprises to all things Indian. They should use Indian stationery, Indian printing, Indian legal help, Indian auditors, everything Indian that could be used. The spirit of 'Swadeshi' should become a fundamental article of faith of those who claim its benefits and it is only then that we can progress.

One is glad to know that Lalji Seth and the other directors left the question of Indian auditors be decided by the free vote of the shareholders and thus set a healthy example. It is best for the directors to know that the auditors are intended to supervise their actions and it is manifestly unfair to select the auditors themselves. The proposal to substitute an Indian firm for a European firm was treated as an amendment and carried without dissent. But, as a substantive proposition, it was thrown out. Thus it happened that the voters were vanquished, and a Pyrrhic victory was scored for both sides.

A LESSON FOR OTHERS.

Incidentally I would suggest that the other insurance company manager who voted for the amendment will bring the idea forward as an original proposition for his own concern. Other Indian firms would also do well to learn that they will enhance their reputation with the public if they will give up their "Euro-mania" as I may call it.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

This department makes the worst showing as there has been a heavy fall in premium income but no reduction in working expenses. The claims made amounted to Rs. 1,57,487 against Rs. 1,28,000 last year though the income was only Rs. 2,13,076 against Rs. 3,18,000 last year. It has, however, contributed to profits the sum of Rs. 56,665 through reduction of the marine fund to the level of the year's income.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

This is a comparatively new department and the expense ratio is very high in consequence. The year's claims amounted to Rs. 32,000 of which Rs. 13,000 was settled but the balance of Rs. 19,000 seems unduly high. It also appears that Rs. 2,000 still remains unsettled from the last year. If the business is to be popular, the Jupiter must pay special attention to the matter of prompt settlement of claims. It should know that the most successful companies are those which make this a feature of their work.

RE-INSURANCE.

While the receipts show deductions for re-insurances, the claim amounts do not show similar deductions for amounts which should have been collected from the parties with whom re-insurance was placed. If any were made, they ought to have been shown as such.

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Suitable allocations have been made in the Profit and Loss accounts for bad debts and depreciation of securities, though the management could not have expected the recent heavy drop in security prices. Of the amount of Rs. 29,78,273 shown under securities, no less than Rs. 13,07,320 was in the United States. This seems to be unnecessarily high as the deposit required under the laws there was only about Rs. 6,00,000. It may be wisdom for the company to bring back surplus funds and take advantage of the exchange rate.

WHY NOT A SIMILAR LAW HERE?

It is natural that, in our country, foreign companies are allowed to carry on their operations without making any deposit of the kind referred to above. All that they have to do is to deposit securities of the face value of Rs. 2 lakhs, and by choosing the 3½ per cents, this could be provided with securities of a market value of about a lakh of rupees. This is all the more remarkable as the foreign companies derive a premium income of about two crores on life business and the same amount on miscellaneous business and have policies outstanding for about 100 crores. Nor is much of the premium invested in India and utilised for the benefit of Indian industries as happens in other countries.

A DIVIDEND.

Ordinary shares have been able to receive a dividend of eight annas per share of Rs. 15 paid up. As the Company has paid only one dividend so far and that was in 1929 at 3-1/8 per cent., this should be welcome to shareholders in view of the fact that the shares have been quoted so low as Rs. 6-4-0. The Managing Agents have foregone their right to commission on the Life business and have been content with half commission on Fire and Marine business.

THE YEN POSITION.

The Japanese cross-rate from London came out unchanged but the New York quotation improved from 44 cents to 45 cents. The banks are still working on a restricted scale and the bill rate is nominal, while the selling rate is for B. C. bills.

THE CROSS-RATE MOVEMENT.

The London-New York cross-rate which opened to-day at 340 showed a decline of five points due to the United States Congress refusing to allow any cancellation or even reduction in the War Debts. The gold market which opened at Rs. 28-15-6 registered a sharp rise to Rs. 29-7-0 which became Rs. 29-9-0 on receipt of news that the cross-rate has further declined to 336. At the higher gold prices here, further appreciation was checked by profit-taking sales.

LATEST COTTON PRICES.

(Cotton Information Bureau, 381, Ismail Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.)

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

JANUARY.

New York,	Dec. 18.
Previous Closing Rate	6.07
To-day's Opening Rate	6.08
Difference	+.01
To-day's Closing Rate	6.24
Difference	+.17
Broach Expectation	200

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

JANUARY.

Liverpool,	Dec. 18.
Previous Closing Rate	4.73
To-day's Opening Rate	4.75
Difference	+.02
To-day's Closing Rate	4.81
Difference	+.08

LONDON SILVER MARKET.

London,	Dec. 18.
Silver Ready	20 3/8
Lower	1/16
Silver Forward	20 7/16
Lower	1/4

China sold.
Market:—Quiet.

BOMBAY PRICES.

Bombay,	Dec. 18.
1st Settlement	63 6 0
2nd Settlement	63 6 0
3rd Settlement	63 12 0
Gold	29 15 6

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Share Market

Bombay, Dec. 18.

The share market opened quiet but steady with scattered enquiry and prices fluctuated within a narrow limits. Later on there was increased short covering which resulted in some improvement of prices. There was no new feature Bombay Dyeing opened at Rs. 615/ and after advancing to Rs. 621/4 closed at Rs. 620/ Fazal shares were steady at Rs. 291/4 and Bombay Burma shares after touching Rs. 310/ closed at Rs. 309/6. Century shares opened at Rs. 186/4 and closed at Rs. 190/. In other mill shares there was scattered enquiry which in the absence of selling resulted in some improvement of prices Tata Power shares were active to-day with renewed buying and Andhra Ordinary shares after opening at Rs. 632/8 closed at Rs. 640 Tata Steel Ordinary shares remained steady and closed at Rs. 20/14. Government Securities were quiet but steady and 3½ per cent paper closed at Rs. 51/12. —

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

Bombay Dyeing 617; 16; 20
Century 187; 88; 86; 90
Colaba 64
Crescent 43
Fazal 287; 88; 86; 91
Indore 306
Madhowji 10
Nagpur 255/10
New Great 113; 16
Pearl 158; 57; 60
Simplex 40/10
Swadeshi 198
Burma 307; 8; 7; 10; 9
Hydro 111/4; 111/9
Tram 101; 101/14
Deff. N. 300
Ord. 20/12; 6; 21; 20/14
Bundi 13/11
Indian 142
Katni Ord. 138
Alcock 81

MILLS.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

100 Ahm. Advance	250
50 Apollo	1/4/0
10 Bom. Cotton P.	2-8
500 Bom. Cotton	80
250 Bom.Dyeing	620
250 Bradbury P.	127-8
250 Bradbury	135
100 Century	190
500 Central India P.	408/12
100 Central India	255/10
100 Colaba	64/6
100 Coorla	115
100 Crescent	43/12
250 Currim.	46/4
250 David	80
250 Dawn	480
200 Ed. Sassoon	25
1 E. D. Sassoon D.	0/3/9
100 Elphinstone P	20-13
100 Elphinstone	3/8
250 Fazulbhoy	291/4
100 Finlay	70
1000 Framji Petit	150
100 Gokak	85/10
1000 Hindustan	1205
100 Indore-Malwa	306/14
250 Jamshed	4
50 Kastooorchand	7/4
100 Khatau	83/12
100 Kohinoor	102/8
250 Laxmi	685
100 Madhowji	10-4
250 Madras United	200
1000 Maneckji Petit	700-0
100 Meyer Sassoon	20
1000 Morarji	305
50 Mysore	100
200 New Great P.	110
200 New Great	116/14
100 New City	44-6
250 Pabani	37/8
250 Pearl	160
100 Phoenix	250/0
10 Premier	1/4
100 Shapurji	5
1000 Sholapur	1450
250 Simplex	40/10
100 Swan	57/8
100 Swadeshi	198/2
25 Tata P.	15
25 Tata	13
500 Vishnu P.	505
500 Vishnu	1030
1000 Western	680

BANKS

100-50 Baroda	63
50-25 Central	13/11
£10-5 Eastern	57/8
500 Imperial	852/8
500-125 Imperial Contr.	215
100-50 India	74/4
5 Union	3/2/6

CEMENT.

10 Bundi	12/14
70 Gwalior	56
250 Indian	142/8
100 Katni 1st P.	100
100 Katni 2nd P.	104
40 Katni Def.	503/12
100 Katni	137/8
10 Punjab P.	9
10 Punjab	7/4
100 Shanabad	168/12

INSURANCE.

10 Jupiter P.	7.3
15 Jupiter	6-4
15 New India	14/10
200 Oriental	1345
10 Vulcan	4-10

ELECTRIC

100 Ahmedabad	110
1000 Andhra [illegible] P.	933/12
1000 Andhra Cal.	649
50 Bom. Tram P.	61/12
50 Bom. Tram.	101/14
100 Tata Hydro P.	106/10
100 Tata Hydro	111/9
1000 Tata Power P.	1015
1000 Tata Power	420

RAILWAYS.

500 Ahm. Prantij	667/8
100 Amritsar Patti	86/4
100 Central Province	71
100 Dho. Barramati	74/8
100 Guzrat	41/4
100 Mandra Bhon.	50
500 Tapti Valley	583/12

MINING.

10 Central India	0/4
10 Shivrajpur	12
150 Tata Steel 1 P.	108/12
100 Tata Steel 2 P.	44/4
30 Tata Steel D.	300
75 Tata Steel	20/14

MISCELLANEOUS

100 Alcock	81/4
250 Bom. Steam P.	191/4
250 Bom. Steam	182/8
50 Bom. Telephone	41/8
8s. Brit. B Petrol	2/10/6
125 Bom. Burma Old	309/6
50 Bom. Burma New	112/8
100 Ind. Bleaching	127/8
15 Scindia	5/12
3½ per cent Government Paper	51/13
5 p.c. 1945/55 Tax Free	90/4

MONEY MARKET

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Dec. 18.

B. C. RATE—
T T 1/6 1/16
D D 1/6 3/32
LONDON—
Banks Selling T T 1/6 1/8 Dec. Jan.
Banks Selling D D 1/6 3/16
Banks Selling T T 1/6 3/32 Feb.
Banks Buying T T 1/6 3/16
Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/4
Banks Buying 3 mos 1/6 17/32 Dec./Jan.
Banks Buying 3 Mos 1/6 1/2 Feb.
Banks Buying 3 Mos 1/6 1/2 March.
NEW YORK B.C. RATE—
T. T. 390
Banks Selling T T 389
Banks Buying T T 383
PARIS—
Banks Selling D D 653
Banks Buying D D 683
AMSTERDAM—
Banks Selling D D 64 1/2
JAPAN—
Banks Selling T T 167 Nominal.
Banks Buying 60 Days 154
HONGKONG—
Banks Selling D D 99 3/8
SHANGHAI—
Banks Selling D D 132 1/4
SINGAPORE—
Banks Selling D D 156
JAVA—
Banks Selling D D 64 3/4
CROSS RATE—
New York/London 4.43 17th inst.
Shanghai/London 1/11 7/8 18th inst.
Japan/London 2/6 17th inst.
London/Paris 87.90 17th inst.
London/Belgium 24.50 17th inst.
London/Switzerland 17.75 17th inst.
London/Italy 67.90 17th inst.
London/Berlin 14.55 17th inst.
London/Holland 8.60 17th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £5/19/7 16th inst. 5/19/6 17th inst.
Silver London Ready 19 1/4 16th inst. 20 7/16 17th inst.
Silver London Forward 20 7/16 16th inst. 20 11/16 17th inst.
Silver New Pork Ready 31 7/8 16th inst. 31 7/8 17th inst.
London Discounts 3 Mos 5 7/8 per cent 16th inst. 5 7/8 per cent 17th inst.
London Discounts 6 Mos 6 3/16 per cent 16th inst. 6 3/16 per cent 17th inst.
Imperial Bank Rate 8 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 6 per cent.
Money:—Call 5½ per cent.
3 mos 6 per cent.
6 mos 5½ per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

Tone of London Silver. Advance chiefly due to offerings being limited.

COTTON STRADDLE DIFFERENCES.

N Y Jan 6.07 Liv Jan 4.73 Difference 339 pts.
N Y Mar 6.25 Liv Mar 4.73 Difference 320 pts.
N W May 6.44 Liv May 4.74 Difference 303 pts.
Liv May 4.74 Broach A-M 192 Difference Rs. 16½
N Y Jan 6.07 Oct 6.89 Difference 82 pts.
Liv Jan 4.72 Oct 4.83 Difference 10 pts.

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

F. P. Bales.	1931-32	1930-31
Receipts to date		
17-12-31	5781000	6590000
Receipts Yesterday		
17-12-31	49000	56000
Exports to date		
17-12-31	3476000	3721000
Stock at Ports		
11-12-31	4638000	4149000
Stock Interior Town		
11-12-31	2205000	1816000
Stock Liverpool		
11-12-31	818000	917000
Visible Supply		
11-12-31	9190000	8177000
Quantity in Sight		
11-12-31	9016000	9457000
Quantity out of Sight		
11-12-31	5025000	4369000

Gold And Silver.

RENEWED WEAKNESS IN STERLING.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

The bullion market opened quiet but steady with a restricted business. Gold prices opened at Rs. 28/15/6. This was the loest price for the day as later on weakness of Sterling exchange to 3.36½ dollars imparced strength. Quotations in the evening were as under:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Mint Gold Ready	29	9	6
Mint Gold 1st Settlement	29	9	6
Mint Gold 2nd „	29	10	0
Silver Ready	63	0	0
Silver 1st Settlement	63	0	0
Silver 2nd „	63	6	0

GOLD.

London, Dec 17.

Bar gold fine per oz £5-19-6

LONDON SILVER.

London, Dec 17.

Silver—Advance chiefly due to offerings being limited.
Spot 20 7/16
Forward 20 11/16

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Dec 17.

T T London on Berlin 14.59 1/2
T T London on Amsterdam 8.59
T T London on Brussels 24.78
T T London on Cadrid 40.56
T T London on Milan 67.81
T T London on Berne 17.69
T T London on Paris 87.93
T T London on Prague 116.50
T T London on New York (closing) 3.45 1/4

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN.

London, Dec. 17.

This week:—

Total Bullion	£121,400,000
Public Deposits	£ 12,000,000
Other Deposits	£111,500,000
Government securities	£61,500,000
Other securities	£ 47,100,000
Notes and coin	£ 32,900,000
Notes in circulation	£363,500,000

Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities 26.62 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGES.

London, Dec. 17.

Chartered Bank of India A China £11
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (Londo nRegistered) £103
P and O Banking Corporation £6
Funding Loan 4 per cent £82 7/8
Conversion Loan 3½ per cent £72
Indian Loan 5 1/2 per cent £100
Rupee Paper 3½ per cent £39
Indian Stock 3 per cent Sterling Loan £42 1/2
Indian Stock 3½ per cent Sterling Loan £48 1/2
Indian Stock 4½ per cent Sterling Loan £69
Consols 2½ per cent £53
War Loan 5 per cent £95 1/8
Victory Bonds 4 per cent £88 1/2

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

Yesterday.		This year.
Khandesh	121	15,089
Central India	413	25,097
Barsi and Nagar	458	12,775
Hyderabad-Gaorani	74	2,795
Berar	583	41,483
Central Provinces	93	14,248
Total Oomras	1,742	111,488
Dhollera	916	25,182
N.-W. Provinces	485	9,616
Rajputana	54	9,622
Sind-Punjab	1,619	26,308
Broach		7,707
Coompta & Dharwar	97	7,969
Westerns-Northerns		6,735
Cocoanada		3
Tinnevelly & Cambodia		360
Persian		425
Egyptian & African	367	33,091
American		19,248
Comilla, Burma & other sorts		55
Total	5,280	257,809

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

1st Sept. to 10th Dec.

In full-pressed Bales.

Yesterday.		This year.
Europe	126	59,260
Japan & China	2,915	216,443
Coast Ports	300	16,557
Up-country by Rail		43,792
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan		18,058
Total	3,341	354,110

LINSEED OIL

London, Dec. 17.

Linseed Oil naked London cwt—Jan/April paid and baiueu 14/4 1/2
Linseed Oil naked London cwt—May/Aug buyers 16

LINSEED

London, Dec. 17.

Linseed, Calcutta (London) ton. Dec/Jan sellers £11-0-0
Linseed La Plata c i f (Hull) ton Dec sellers £9-2-6
Linseed Bombay (London) ton—Dec/Jan sellers £11-10-0

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GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 18.

3½ per cent Rupee Paper Rs. 51/12
4 per cent. Conversion Loan due 1931/36 Rs. 84/4 —
4 per cent Loan due 1934-37 Rs. 82/4
4 per cent. Loan due 1960-70 Rs. 59/12
4½ per cent. bonds due 1934 Rs. 91
4½ per cent. Loan due 1955-60 Rs. 67/12
5 per cent. War Loan due 1929-47 Rs. 80
5 per cent. Loan due 1935 Rs. 90/4
5 per cent. Loan due 1939-44 Rs. 80
6 Per cent. Bonds due 1933-36 Rs. 93/2
5 per cent. Loan (Tax Free) due 1933/ Rs. 96/2
5 per cent Loan (Tax Free) due 1945/55 Rs. 90
6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1932 Rs. 99/4
6½ per cent. Bombay Development Loan (Tax Free) due 1935 Rs. 100
6½ per cent. Treasury Bonds due 1935 Rs. 99/14
4 per cent. Bombay Port Trust due 1974 Rs. 57/8
4 per cent Bombay Municipal due 1974 Rs. 56/8
4 per cent. Bombay Improvement Trust due 1974 Rs. 56
5 per cent Bombay Municipal due 1959 Rs. 71/8
6 per cent. Bombay Municipal due 1954 Rs. 90/12
6 per cent. Bombay Municipal due 1950/60 Rs. 90/12
Tone of Market:—Inactive.

THE TATA OIL MILLS' QUOTATIONS.

Ex-Godown, Bombay.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

Filtered Cocoanut Oil Ready Rs. 498 per ton.
Filtered Til Seed Oil Ready Rs. 18/8 per case of 64 lbs.
Cocoanut Cake Ready Rs. 160 per ton.

WHEAT—BALTIC EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 17.

Rozario Santa Fe per 63½ lb cargoes—Dec sellers 26/3
Barletta Russo per 63 lb cargoes Dec/Jan value 25/9
Wheat South Australian parcels—Dec/Jan sellers 28/3
Wheat Choice White Karachi—parcels—Nov/Dec nominal 31

BANK OF FRANCE NOTE CIRCULATION.

Paris, Dec. 17.

The return of the Bank of France for the week ending December 16th, gives the total note circulation at 82,650,000,000 francs, a decrease of 372,000,000 francs as compared with the previous week.

INDIAN COTTON SITUATION

Crop 4½ Million Bales

WEAKNESS IN DOLLARS

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. have issued the following weekly report on Thursday the 17th inst:—

During the past week the market has continued to move within very narrow limits. The chief alteration in values rast been caused by an advance in the value of Sterling in ratio to Dollars. We might be more correct if we stated that Dollars had weakened in ratio to Sterling owing to the unsatisfactory state of the U. S. A. Government finances.

The holding movement in America continues and in spite of the huge supply our Liverpool friends advisss us that it is very difficult to buy actual American cotton unless at a very high basis as compared with the Futures contracts. Even so American cotton is still cheap as compared with most other growths. That this is appreciated by Spinners generally is reflected in the American export figures which for several weeks have been running ahead of the totals for the corresponding figures last year.

The consumption by the U. S. A. Mills last month was rather disappointing having been only 429,000 baled as compared with 462,000 bales in October and 415,000 bales in November last year, but as there were only 22½ working days last month the consumption per day was slightly better than in October

In view of the approach of the Christmas holidays and the end of year stock-taking we shall most likely have quiet and uninteresting markets for the next week or two, but it would probably be advisable to buy a little now with a view to selling off on the advance which usually occurs at the beginning of each New Year, when for some reason or other, a feeling of optimism invariably develops.

The Bombay Futures market has again been quite active with erratic movements particularly in the relative values of our three hedge contracts. Over the week Broach A./May is Rs. 6½ lower. Bengal D/January is Rs. 15 down, but Oomra D/January is only Rs. 1½ lower. We have now no doubt about the very serious damage which has been done to the Oomra crop. Had the crop been more than half of last year the high prices ruling in the interior markets would have attracted by this date much larger arrivals than we have been getting. We shall be surprised if our commercial crop this year exceeds 45.00.000 bales. This means a year of poor exports from India and a correspponding increase in the consumption of American cotton by other countries. In time this should bring about an advance in American cotton prices.

The position in Bombay has been complicated by the announcement that Japan has placed an embargo on the export of gold. Japan has already secured large supplies of American cotton and of course will now take less Indians. We do not however agree with the opinion that this justifies short sales in this market as our supply is so small a narrow parity with Americans must continue for several months. By the time cotton has accumulated sufficiently in Bombay to justify a wider parity it is anticipated the whole cotton market will be on a higher level.

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ARRIVALS.

December 18.

Chitral Sigyer, London.
Struthnaver, Ohlson, Sydney.
Nizam, Cuvello, Calcutta.
Naguto Maru, Uchino, Kobe.

DEPARTURES.

December 19.

Strathnaver, Ohlson, London.
Hokkai Maru, Oki, Calcutta.

LOADING.

December 18.

Steamer Pasha for Madras.

ENGLISH MAIL REPORT.

S S Strathnaver:—The P and O S N Coy's English mail steamer Strathnaver, will sail to-day from Ballard Pier Station at about (1 p.m.) for London, with the homeward mails, a general cargo and passengers.

AFRICAN MAIL REPORT.

S S Kenya:—The B I S N Co's mail steamer Kenya, is expected to arrive here to-day at about (7 a.m.) from Durban, with mails, a general cargo and passengers.

S S Nizam:—The T M Coy's steamer Nizam, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta, with a general cargo.

S S Nagato Maru:—The N Y K steamer Nagato Maru, arrived in harbour yesterday from Kobe, with a general cargo.

JAVA SUGAR—LONDON MARKET.

London, Dec. 17.

Java Sugar, Fine White, Dutch Standard No. 25—
C & F Calcutta—
Dec per cwt 9
Jan/March per cwt 9/1 1/2
C & F Bombay—
Jan/Mar per cwt 9/2
C & F Karachi—
Jan/March per cwt 9/2

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RECEPTION TO MAHATMAJI

Special Volunteers Enrolled

The General Secretary of the B. P. C. C. writes:—

Arrangements are in progress for according a right royal reception to Mahatma Gandhi on his arrival in India on Monday, the 28th instant. The B. P. C. C. has decided to enrol about 10,000 volunteers for this purpose. There will be volunteers only for the purpose of reception and they will be required to give their services only for the day. Special B. P. C. C. badges will be given to the citizens who desire to work as volunteers. Badges will be available from next Monday. These will have to be returned to the B. P. C. C. office after the reception is over. The enrolment of these special volunteers have already started at the Congress House and it is done during the hours 6-30 and 8 every evening. Volunteer Corps and other citizens are requested to hurry up and enlist themselves as reception volunteers. The conditions are as follows:—

(1) The Reception Volunteer must be dressed in Khaddar (not necessarily uniform) while on duty.

(2) He must wear the special B. P. C. C. badge.

(3) He must present himself for duty whenever and wherever called on that day.

All special volunteers enrolled for the purpose will be in charge of Sjt. Purshotum Trikamdas, Member-in-Charge, Congress Volunteers, B. P. C. C. Desh Sevikas and other Sevikas doing Volunteer duties on that day will be under Mrs. Perinben Captain, a member of the Council of the B. P. C. C. The Captains of the Nationalist Volunteer Corps can enrol the whole Corps and receive special badges for their volunteers. All volunteers will have to be present on the Azad Maidan the day previous to Mahatmaji's arrival for taking instructions from the Member-in-Charge.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS:—The P. & O. Mail Steamer "Viceroy of India" with the Mails from Bombay of 12th instant arrived at Aden at 3 p.m. on the 16th instant and left there at 6-30 p.m. the same day.

The Outward P. & O. Mail Steamer "Mantua" with the mails from London of the 10th instant arrived at Port Said at 11-30 p.m. on the 16th instant and left there at 4 a.m. the following day.

UPLIFT OF BHILS

New Boarding School Opened

(From A Correspondent).

DOHAD, Dec. 17.

In the hilly and wooded upland of Navsari District near the terminus of the recently opened extension of the tiny Kosamba Zankhvav Railway of H. H. the Gaikwar, was opened on Tuesday the Sarda Bhil Boarding School for the children of that area by Mr. Nadkarni, the Suba of Navsari. All life workers for Bhils from Dohad and other places came specially for this occasion of opening the Boarding School and to advice the Bhils to take full advantage of the new institution, which is the creation of the Bhil Seva Mandal of Dohad which is working for the uplift of Bhils and other aboriginal communities for the last 9 years in Panch Mahals and elsewhere.

On account of the sparseness of the population and the habit of the Bhils to live in detached huts, not forming a close village, the Educational Department of H. H. the Gaikwar has not been able to open day schools for them. This boarding house will therefore get together Bhil boys and girls from miles away and board them free, give them a knowledge of the three R's, teach them agriculture and some handicraft. At present it is proposed to admit 30 girls and boys as boarders, increasing the number later on, as funds permit. About 20 boys were enrolled and feasted on the day.

About 200 Bhils attended the function from long distances and showed their anxiety to see their children put in the school. The jungle contractors of the district helped very much in the erection of the building in such as out-of-the-way place and in the midst of forest. The teacher and girls form another hill tribe school in Mandvi Taluka attended after a foot journey about 20 miles.

TROUBLE IN N. W. RAILWAY

LAHORE, Dec. 17.

Trouble in the North Western Railway carriage Workshops followed the announcement yesterday of cuts in wages up to ten per cent of workers from 1st December.—A. P.

HANDCUFFED CONGRESSMAN DISCHARGED.

Conector Cancels Deportation Order.

MR. NAVALI ALLEGES UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT

(From Our Correspondent.)

DHARWAR, Dec. 15.

Bhimasen Bhogesh Navali, a Congress worker was arrested under the Foreigners' Act (1864) by the Ranibennur Police at Ranibennur on the 11th inst, when Mr. Navali had gone there on private business. Mr. Navali was served with an order during the last Satyagraha days under the Foreigner's Act to quit the British territory as he was an undesirable person. On the conclusion of the Truce this order was automatically suspended. But when Mr. Navali entered the British territory in Ranibennur on the 11th inst. the police arrested and brought him over to Dharwar in hand hand-cuffs to stand his trial for the alleged offence. The Personal Assistant to the Collector of Dharwar insisted on his furnishing a bail of Rs. 100/- for presenting himself before the Collector next day.

DISCHARGED.

Mr. Navali furnished the required bail and when he appeared before the Collector the next day the Collector seems to have admitted the error in the whole affair and handed over to Mr. Navali an order discharging him, cancelling the bail bond executed by him and authorising him to go back to Ranibennur.

"UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT".

It will thus be seen that Mr. Navali was arrested at Ranibennur without a legal warrant and his detention almost amounts to unlawful restraint in so far as he was shuffled from place to place under arrest undergoing all the inconveniences of an undertria prisoner.

It is understood that Mr. Navali has written to the Collector to let him know under what law this conduct of the officials was justifiable. I also understand that if there is no reasonable legal justification for their conduct, Mr. Navali is advised to take legal steps against the unlawful restraint and harrasment caused to him, in the performance of his private duties.

PRATAP EDITOR TO APPLY TO HIGH COURT

Court Stays Proceedings And Grants 6 Days' Time

CAWNPORE, Dec. 16.

In Balkrishna Sharma (Editor, "Pratap") case in Captain Ibbotson's Court, accused filed a list stating his witnesses present in Court and that they may be examined. The Court ordered only such witnesses as can be examined for whom expenses payable into Court as stated in Court's order dated 9th December were duly deposited. Thereupon, accused applied for stay of proceeding as he wanted to go in Revision to the High Court. Accordingly, the Court stayed proceedings granting six days' time to apply to the High Court.—Associated Special.

Municipalities To Present Addresses

DHARWAR, Dec. 16.

The municipalities of Gadag and Haveri in Karnatak have voted an address to Pandit Jawaharlal on the occasion of his visit to Karnatak. The Pandit visits Gadag on 19th morning. It is yet doubtful if he will visit Haveri, as he has no time and the visit has not been included in his tour so far.

Though nominations have not yet been made to the new body of Municipal councillors in Dharwar, the President Mr. V. N. Jog, M.L.C., convened an informal meeting of the elected members to discuss the question of giving a civic address to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

It was decided that an address should be given in the Municipal Hall on the 18th instant.—A. P.

SIR MUHAMMAD SHAFI

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17.

A Gazette of India dated 16th December notifies that Sir Muhammad Shafi has taken over Membership of the Viceroy's Executive Council yesterday afternoon from Sir Fazli-Hussain who is placed on special duty.

Sir Mahomed arrived here this morning.—A. P.

AIRMAIL NEWS

KARACHI, Dec. 17.

The outward air-mail left this morning.—A. P.

London.—At a meeting of the Scottish Association, it was agreed that there should not be byes in the first and second rounds of the Cup, but in the third round there should be four ties and four byes. Reuter Special.

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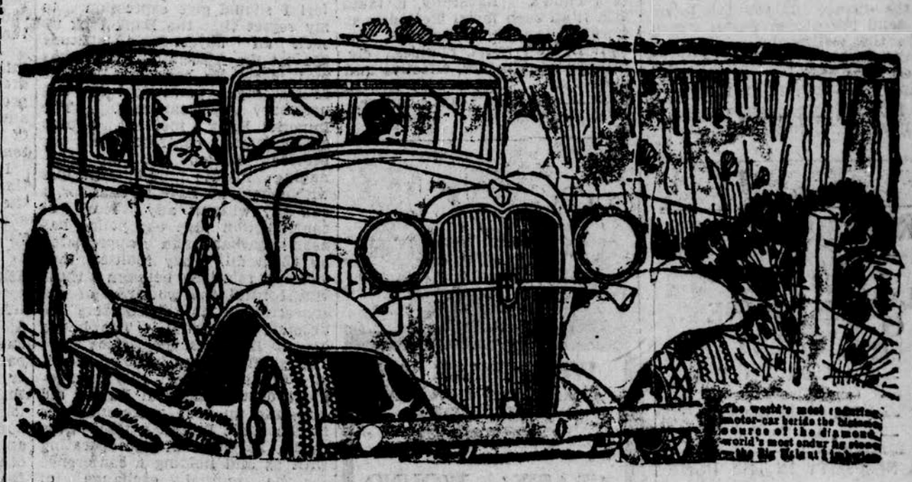

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COMPLAINT AGAINST PRINCIPAL

Echo Of Nagpur College Shooting

NAGPUR, Dec. 17.

Mr. Mahabir Singh Bachusingh Thakud this afternoon lodged a complaint before Mr. W. B. Grigson, District Magistrate, Nagpur, against Dr. G. R. Hunter, Principal, Morris College and Mrs. Hunter, under Section 308 I.P.C. alleging that they attempted to commit culpable homicide not amounting to murder on the morning of 14th November by indiscriminately shooting at the complainant and his other seven or eight companions who had assembled in the Morris College Professors room to play cards and thus wounding one man by name Ganesh. The complainant also prayed for issue of special process to arrest the accused as the latter were, it was understood, leaving India in a day or two. The case has been fixed for to-morrow for the examination of the complainant.—A. P.

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Mr. Shroff's Plea For Better Understanding

ENCOURAGE INDIAN INSURANCE

The following are extracts from the presidential address of Mr. K. R. P. Shroff at the third quarterly meeting of the Bombay Shareholders' Association held on Wednesday:—

At the last quarterly Meeting, my learned colleague Mr. Kajiji spoke at great length in connection with the affairs of the Imperial Bank and its management. There is nothing more for me to add as to what our Association did and still intends to do; but I feel I should give expression to my regret that the Bank took up such an unjustifiable attitude against the Association, for it has most decidedly been the means of creating a great deal of unnecessary unpleasantness. The Imperial Bank incident affords an unpleasant contrast to all our previous relations with the Managing Agents and Directors with whom we have to deal for, I can say without any fear of contradiction that our policy has been welcomed and appreciated by them all. They realise that friendly relations between those who control the working of a concern and its shareholders are absolutely essential. The hands of the Directors themselves are strengthened considerably and it is a great pity that the management of the Imperial Bank did not take up our representations in the spirit in which they were made. Instead of co-operating with us and holding a conference for the mutual exchange of views, they deliberately endeavoured to antagonise us and thus prevented a settlement of the points at variance in a friendly manner.

NEED FOR MORE ECONOMY.

Whilst passing this criticism, I must in fairness admit that there are difficulties in the way of the management of the Imperial Bank. At the same time, none can blind the eye to the fact that the expenses are top-heavy. There is a great deal of room for retrenchment and the recent cuts in salary are not commensurate with the changed conditions and the necessity to economise.

WHY NOT PROFIT IN GOLD?

Although it is not entirely within our province I feel the recent heavy exports of gold represent a situation of such importance that I should pass just a brief reference. I must state that my views are entirely personal and cannot be characterised as those of the Association. Week after week goes by with no diminution in the quantity of the precious metal which is leaving the Port of Bombay. There are many who view the exports with alarm and are of the opinion that an embargo should be placed by the Government. I, personality, am opposed to this contention, for gold is now virtually a commodity and those who have hoarded it against a rainy day or for other reason are surely entitled to take a profit. Why should we not take advantage of rates far in excess of what most of us ever contemplated?

I may only add that it is now time that we seriously consider the question of re-introduction of silver as a monetary standard of value.

ENCOURAGE INDIAN INSURANCE.

At the previous meetings of our Association, reference has been made to Indian insurance companies and to the necessity for every true patriot to support them to the best of his ability for the benefit of the industry and the country. Here we have an industry which, compared to other countries, is still in its infancy. As shareholders in many joint stock concerns, we should impress upon every management on every conceivable occasion the absolute need for all insurance to be placed with Indian concerns. Also so that the future generation does not suffer by the failures of some companies, we should exert all our efforts to see that the management is carried on a scientific and economic manner. In no other field perhaps is it so easy to hoodwink the public and unsound insurance on the part of any company will do irreparable damage to the whole sphere of Indian Insurance. We cannot but admit that to-day there are some companies which are not safe. This is the difficulty which we must overcome and we must overcome it with all the strength at our command.

SWADESHISM IN INSURANCE

Jupiter's Progress

LALJI NARANJEE'S REPLY TO INCHCAPE

The thirteenth ordinary general meeting of the Jupiter General Insurance Company was held on Thursday at 4 p.m. under the presidentship of Mr. Lalji Naranji.

One commendable feature of the company according to Mr. Lalji Naranji was that it was catering to the needs of small clients, even though it cost the company more in the matter of expenses. To a large extent this may be regarded as a national service because if Indian insurance companies did not create goodwill among the smaller clients by taking up their insurance work, these people would be no better off than they were with the foreign companies.

NO MORE DICTATION.

Referring to the political situation and its repercussions on the insurance business. Mr. Lalji Naranji said: "It is no use Great Britain trying to foist on India any safeguards, particularly safeguards not conducive to the economic development of the country. The term "safeguard" itself is a misnomer and it only means the perpetuation of economic de-control over India by the few representatives of the vested interests. If England really wants to benefit from India, it can only be by her consent and by allowing her to take her natural growth, for Indians now learnt to be self-dependent. India shall not tolerate any more dictation from Whitehall."

Speaking as a business man, Mr. Lalji said that Lord Inchcape was sadly mistaken when he said that England was essential to India's existence. He put it the other way round and said it was India that was essential for England for her very existence.

STOP THE DRAIN.

Insurance business, like all other trades and industries, called for the spirit of swadeshism.

"If there is any country where an extensive campaign in favour of swadeshi goods has got to be done consistently and systematically, it is India, because of the large drain of her resources by outsiders at present. Unlike Great Britain and other countries, which get large sums of money in the shape of invisible exports that is to say, insurance premiums, shipping freights, banking charges, etc., India not only cannot claim any such income, but she is one of the greatest contributories to Great Britain in this direction. The one way in which the people of this country can stop this drain is by looking up to the industries of the country and supporting them entirely."

Profits for the year amounted to Rs. 2,43,255 and after making appropriations for doubtful debts, and depreciation of securities there was a balance of Rs. 1,05,545 available for distribution. Out of this a dividend of eight annas per share was to be paid on ordinary shares.

INDIANISATION IN PRACTICE

The directors report and the audited revenue account were adopted by the meeting.

Messrs. Batliboi, Purohit were appointed auditors for the current year. Another proposition to appoint Messrs. A. F. Ferguson and Co. also as auditors was moved on behalf of the directors.

Mr. Chotalal I. Shroff moved an amendment that instead of Messrs. Ferguson and Co., Messrs. Dalal and Shah should be appointed as auditors. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Mooiraj Karsondas. Both the mover and seconder emphasised the need of practising Indianisation.

The amendment was carried being put to vote, but when it was moved as a substantive proposition, it was lost by majority. The result will be that the company will have only one firm of auditors and that is an Indian firm.

DACOITS EXPLOITS

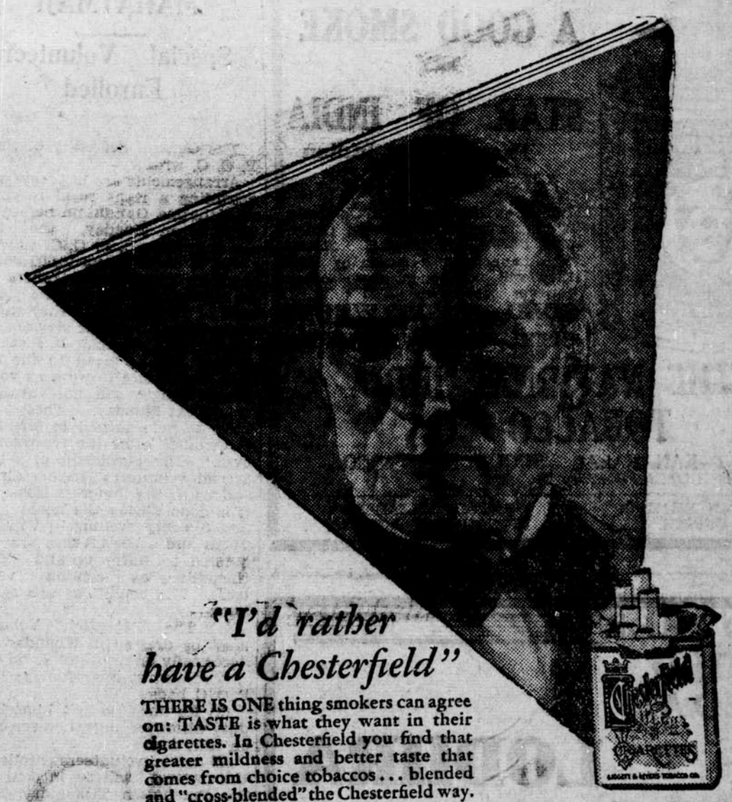
A Women Abducated, Another Shot

RANGOON, Dec. 17.

Reports of murder have been received from Tharrawaddy and Insein, a series of dacoities from Magwe, Minbu and Maubin and robbery from Pegu.

In Magwe, dacoits abducted a woman, releasing her subsequently. In Minbu the villagers offered resistance to dacoits successfully. The dacoits were put to flight, leaving behind them three pipe guns and other weapons and some wounded. In another area three houses were plundered. In Maubin a woman was shot by dacoits. A notorious rebel surrendered yesterday.

The rebel movement is gradually crumbling and surrenders since last month have been considerable.—A. P.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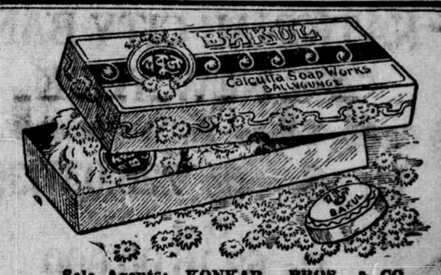
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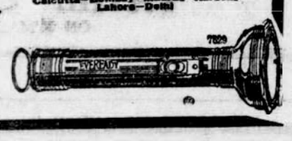

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Sketch Of His Career.

The "Subodha Patrika," writes:

Mr. Vasudeorao was born in 1855 and was brought up by his illustrious brother Dr. R. G. Bhandarkar. He was a sharp-brained child and was due for Matriculation when he was barely 14 years old, but as he was under the prescribed age of 16, he had to wait for well nigh two years. He had a brilliant university career. Bhandarkars are known for Sanskrit but young Vasudeo distinguished himself in Latin. He graduated with philosophy in first class, other first class men of his year being Lok. Tilak, Daji Abaji Khare, and Sir Narayan Chandavarkar. He went in for law and passed his LL.B. also in first class. He was a worthy disciple of a great brother and early in life, he got imbued with scholarly and moral habits, which Dr. Bhandarkar had created as a pattern of environment to live by. To the end of his days, he kept up his studies. He was extremely steady and regular in life. His writings are still remembered for brevity and lucidity. He was associated with activities of the then leading lights of Bombay and Western India, Telang, Ranade, Bhandarkar, and Modak; and took an active part, besides the Prarthana Samaj, in the working of the Hindu Union Club and Students Scientific and Literary Society. While the talent of his great contemporary, Sir Narayan, was harnessed to fervent emotion and endowed with gifts of oratory, that of Vasudeorao, or 'kaka' as we used to call him, was saturated with the dry light of intellect, deep learning and thinking. As a practising lawyer, he was known for his honest and accurate advocacy and fair statement of case. The judges, owing to his upright and lofty character felt sure that Mr. Vasudeo Rao would never mis-state the facts. He was an excellent referee of case-law in the High Court. It is said that Sir Lawrence Jenkins, one of the greatest of judges that presided over the Bombay High Court, used to consult Mr. Vasudeo Rao in the open Court, regarding decided cases relating to intricate points of law. And Vasudeorao had such mastery that he would at once lay his finger on the volume and the exact page.

CHIEF JUDGE IN BARODA.

He was appointed the Chief Judge of the Baroda High Court where huge arrears had accumulated. It is a tribute to his industry that Mr. Vasudeorao not only cleared all that but also attempted to codify the Hindu Law. As a lecturer of Hindu Law in the Government Law School, in an earlier period, he had impressed the student world with his learning and when he retired from the service of the State in 1917, he left a name behind him. To the Prarthana Samaj, he was a tower of strength. For a long time, he was the Vice-President, and after Sir Narayan, was elected its President. The celebations of the Diamond Jubilee was a great event of his regime as also the publication of the History of the Prarthana Samaj in Marathi from the pen of Mr. D. G. Vaidya. The brief introduction couched in a highly chaste and simple language by Mr. Vasudeorao to that volume may be taken to be something of a religious testament of the departed soul. He was for some time busy in rendering into English Dr. Bhandarkar's Marathi sermons. He was a silent accessible gentleman in whom one noticed puritanic grandeur. As a preacher, though he lacked in impressiveness, he more than made it up by devoutness of spirit and cogency of exposition. He lived to a ripe old age of 76 and he had his share of domestic calamities, but he bore them with faith in God.

Grievances Of Tonk State Subjects.

The Secretary, Rajasthan Independent Nationalist Party, Beawar writes:

Efforts are being made to hold the Tonk State People's Conference as already announced in the various papers. Needless to say that it is one of the most backward states in Rajputana. People are not even allowed to wear on Gandhi caps. If any correspondent ever cross over its boundries he is turned out bag and baggage. Many a Jagirdar is to-day living as exile at Jaipur and other places. To protest against all this, the efforts are being made to hold a conference. Recently Munshi Abdul Suttar an enthusiastic worker who had gone to Tonk for enlisting sympathies of the people and collecting funds for the conference was arrested and has been ever since in confinement. He is not allowed to have any talk with any body. Mr. Makhmoor has sent a wire of protest, to the Nawab Saheb against this high handedness, demanding his immediate release but so far no rep'y has been received.

EX-KING ALFONSO.

Outlawed And Property Confiscated.

(By Air Mail.)

The Madrid correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" writes:—

The Cortes passed sentence on ex-King Alfonso, finding him guilty of high treason and voting him beyond the law. He is banished from Spain, and should he return he maay be apprehended by any Spanish citizen. Don Alfonso is deprived of all his rights and titles, and his property is to be confiscated by the Spanish Republic.

This sentence, after sanction by the Provisional Government of Spain, will be posted in all the city halls in the land and communicated to all foreign diplomatic representatives and to the League of Nations.

In his speech in defence of the ex-King, Count Romanones denied that there was any truth in the charge that Don Alfonso had intended to establish an absolute regime in Spain. Alfonso was accused of having tried to reserve to himself the power of granting the highest military honours and promotions in order to win the army to his side, but, said the Count, "if such was the fact the attitude of the army on April 14 when the Republic was proclaimed shows that Alfonso never succeeded."

As regards the establishment of the military dictatorship, for which Alfonso had been blamed Count Romanones asked: "What else could Alfonso do? He could do nothing, especially when public opinion approved the dictatorship thinking that the latter would regenerate Spain." He added that not only had the forces of the Right approved of the dictatorship but even the whole of Catalonia.

As for the charge accusing Alfonso of responsibility for the military rebellion in connection with the 1923 coup detat, Count Romanones asked how could Alfonso have authorised the same when the late General Primo de Rivera constantly used to declare himself solely responsible.

During the heat of a revolution, said Count Romanones, kings may be sent to the gallows, but what cannot be done is to condemn them without evidence, which is the case with Alfonso.

The Deputy, Signor Angel Galarza, who is also Prefect of Police, was the public prosecutor. The ex-Premier, Senor Alcala Zamora, also addressed the Chamber in reply to certain remarks by Count Romanones in reference to Don Alfonso's quiet departure from Spain. Count Romanones had contended that had Alfonso been guilty of the grave charges brought against him Senor Zamora would not have allowed him to go. Senor Zamora replied that he took full responsibility, and he allowed Alfonso to go for the better prestige abroad of the Republic.

MONARCHISTS TO BE DEPORTED.

Father Andres de las Marias, a bass singer of Madrid Cathedral, Major Rosales, retired, and Senor Antonio Torrejoncillo are to be deported to the island of Fernando Po, off the coast of West Africa, consequent on measures adopted on Monday by the Spanish Government as a result of recent Monarchist activities.

Two infantry majors, one cavalry captain, on active service, Father Miguelez, Father Campos, a Jesuit, Count Ramiranes, and a number of other people will be sent from Madrid to various places within Spain. Senor Jaquetot and Senor Sanmartin have been each fined 2,000 pesetas (about £48.)

The Home Secretary stated that the whole affair was now over. The alleged conspiracy had been promptly broken.

NEWSPAPER SUSPENDED.

The Spanish Home Secretary has imposed a fine of 1,000 pesetas (about £23) on the newspaper "A.B.C.", which he has ordered to be suspended for three days for alleged contempt of Parliament. The "A.B.C." had published a leader commenting on Parliament's sanction of the sentence of outlawry passed on ex-King Alfonso, the journal's observations being considered a breach of article 1 of the Law for the Defence of the Republic passed on October 21 last.

The "A.B.C." has exercised the right granted by the law of appealing to the Cabinet Council, and, pending the result of the appeal, execution of the Home Secretary's order will be stayed.

Bangalore, Dec. 17.—The station Magistrate sentenced to 18 months rigorous imprisonment a man named Mahomed Gaus, described as a depredator from Bombay for housebreaking, grievous assault and theft in Cantonment area. The victim of the assault was removed to hospital suffering from wounds which the accused inflicted on Broadway. The police arrested Mahomed Gaus while he was making away with his booty —A.P.

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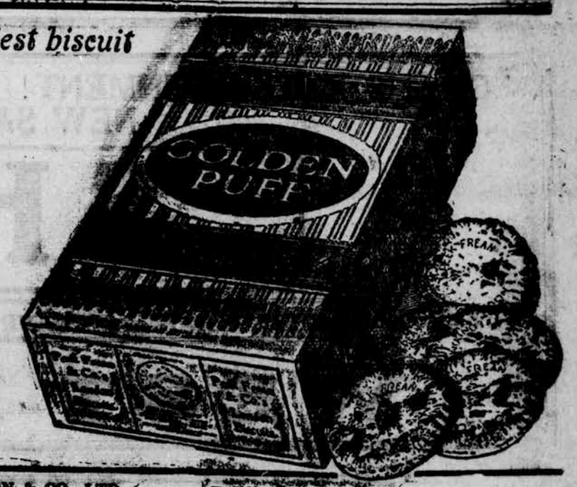

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A RESERVE BANK FOR INDIA.

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of the Bank is such as to call for such an attitude. "It is a very important question of policy," says Mr. Subedar, "whether the premier banking institution in the country should have a preponderance of foreign shareholders." Mr. Sarker says: "It would, to my mind, be an anomaly to regard such an institution as national, so long as this non-national predominance is allowed to prevail and I cannot see how effective national control can be obtained unless steps are taken to establish and maintain a substantial majority of shares in the hands of nationals."

HOSTILITY TO INDIANISATION.

On the question of Indianisation, it is pointed out that, from the figures furnished to the Committee, there were only 43 Indian staff officers against 80 Europeans and it is well-known that most of the Indians are old men due to retire shortly and during the whole career of the Bank for ten years few Indians have been recruited and promoted for the special posts. Moreover, the number of Indians has been practically stagnant during the last six years and, though many of the 197 probationers have completed their training and qualified themselves in every way for superior posts, they are still left in the cadre of second grade assistants. It was therefore recommended that the Imperial Bank should not hereafter recruit Europeans except with the special permission of the Government.

There are several other reasons such as the Bank's attitude towards Indian Insurance Companies, treatment of Indian clients, competition with Indian banks (to which I would add the inadequate knowledge of the Managing Governors on vital matters affecting Indian trade and the working of the Co-operative Societies) which make it impossible to visualise the Imperial Bank as an institution to which the Government finances should be entrusted when alternative schemes are possible.

NO NEED TO GIVE IMPERIAL BANK A CHARTER.

Neither Mr. Subedar nor Mr. Sarker can see any justification for a charter for the Imperial Bank after the establishment of the Reserve Bank. As the former says: "It would be to the advantage of banking in India if the Imperial Bank were thus to experience in an unsheltered and unprivileged position, the plight of joint stock banks in India. The authorities of the Imperial Bank would then throw in their weight to improve that plight and, seeking their own interests, they would also serve the interests of their class."

It is claimed that the new branches of the Imperial Bank are not paying and that, unless the present privileges are continued, these branches may have to be closed to the public loss. First, there would be no loss as other banks would be quite willing to open branches on similar conditions and secondly, it is believed that the number of branches working at a loss is high because no adjustment is made for credit interest on branch balances, which represent money drained away from the interior. It would appear from this that the Bank is rendering a distinct disservice by opening interior branches, and the closing of these branches would not be a real hardship to the trading public.

LESSON FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Mr. Sarker would not be content with a discontinuance of the present privileges of the Bank but would desire that "the Reserve Bank may also, in pursuit of a national banking policy, choose other Indian banks as its agents even in places where the Imperial Bank has branches" in order to undo the work of the past years. This is particularly desirable in order to keep the Bank under control and prevent the possibility of its assuming an attitude similar to that adopted by the Standard Bank of South Africa and the National Bank of South Africa, both of which owed their allegiance to London and would not fall in line with the national policy of the Reserve Bank of South Africa.

In any case, the Reserve Bank should not allow its agents the free use of the Government balances. It may allow it for opening new branches but this would be for the first five years or so but Government or other securities for adequate amounts should be deposited with the Reserve Bank as guarantee that the safety of these balances is guaranteed.

So far as the Imperial Bank itself is concerned, the folowing suggestions have been made by these gentlemen:—(1) It should not compete with Indian banks. (2) Its shareholding should be reduced to about 33 per cent. for Europeans. (3) It should not act as agents for or tranact business with foreign insurance companies. (4) It should have a majority of 60 per cent. Indians on the Central Board and 75 per cent. on the local boards. (5) It should stop further recruitment of European staff. (6) It should have an Indian Managing Governor, not necessarily from the staff. And these are the minimum conditions that will make it possible for the public to support any continuance of the Bank's privileges in the future to any extent.

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IN THE U. S. A.

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wants his name in the front page of the newspapers, and the Press of America keeps him well advertised, while in private the newspapermen themselves express themselves as thoroughly disgusted with his pretentions and bitterness.

PROBLEM OF TARIFFS.

Another problem will be the tariff, or, if you like, the old question of Protection. America has made a large amount of money by protecting her industries. The quality is often inferior, the samples are often better than the merchandise sent later to fill orders, the salesmen are not seldom an impossible breed, obstrusive, insistent, misrepresenting facts and eager to feed from two hands, as it were; but success has favoured America for a time because she allows no competition on equal terms. Now that hard times have come, some admirable qualities are being discovered in those Americans of good breeding who have been silent for a century. They are generous, self-sacrificing and ready to work for the betterment of conditions throughout the world. In a very general way their hopes are centered on the defeat of Herbert Hoover, as standing for the coarsest materialism, by some candidate who may well be another Roosevelt, now Governor of the State of New York. He is humane and liberal, and has suffered so much physically that he has not been deprived of sympathy. The question is, will he be nominated by his party, the Democratic? If he is nominated nothing can keep him from being elected, barring death or the forming of a Third Party.

Governor Roosevelt is now considered as near an angel of Light as men may hope to be. This is again due to the inveterate optimism of Americans. "These are bad days," they say "we must have made a mistake in electing this man from the common people. His brother-in-law is alleged to be a bootlegger, and he prefers to feed the Belgians to feeding Americans." Therefore, all advocate a change, if they dare, if they do not depend on the great capitalists who support Hoover.

HOOVER—THE SCAPEGOAT.

That there is poverty is true. Starvation is in every city. The relief agencies are pitifully managed. The waste is appalling. The people who really suffer seldom get a hearing from the smug social workers. But why blame Herbert Hoover, a speck on the landscape of humanity? At any rate, they do blame him, and rejoice whenever something especially unpleasant happens to him. When his brother-in-law was arrested with several pints of whisky, the whole country was delighted, and I am confident that no such glee could have been evinced if some other President had been in similar circumstances. When Hoover was charged with destroying the Navy by untimely and ill-advised cuts in the budget, he appointed a Commission of Civil Servants and personal friends, who promptly whitewashed him. The country roared with laughter. He will, before a year is over, become the scapegoat, loaded with all the sins of past and present America.

As to showing intelligent interest in the tremendous changes which are affecting the East, few Americans do it. Books on India are indeed published, but they are of little value. The fact is, we know nothing of true conditions and editors stand between the American public and a realisation of what is happening in Asia. "Not interested," is the usual answer given to lecturers and writers who wish to present the problems in an un-orthodox and impartial way. Meanwhile hundreds of so-called Hindus are telling fortunes in various parts of America. Occult magazines are thriving. We are interested in everything except in what is really happening throughout the world. This is the Era of the Charlatan. Gandhi's milk goat receives more space in the news than the Round Table Conference, and Al Capone more than India, Turkey and Persia all together. Our civilisation is moribund. We are become blind.

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The Board has also issued standard forms for the keeping of records by each university and affiliated college of the employment and unemployment of its graduates. The next meeting of the Inter-University Board will be held at Lahore, under the auspices of the Punjab University on the 7th, 8th and 9th March, 1932. Dr. W. S. Urquhart, M. A., D Litt., Principal, Scottish Church College, Calcutta will preside.—A. P.

INDORE MILL STRIKE ENDS

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18.

The Labour Union, Ahmedabad, wires as under:—

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New York, Dec. 17.

The New York cotton futures market early advanced on trade buying, but reacted later on weakness of Wallstreet and selling on reaction theory. Prices opened at a rise of 4 points on trade buying influenced by some sales of textile goods but the demand of easily supplied at the opening rate which was the highest rate of the day. The financial barometer of the United States of America, the Wallstreet market is keeping weak on unfavourable industrial situation which induced selling. Both local and Wallstreet operators were sellers while there was some foreign buying. A rise of a quarter of fa cent in the prices of American cotton at present is believed to be satisfactory and particularly ring traders were selling looking for a reaction. The sagging tendency of the prices continued throughout the day and after a small rally of about 3 points from the low level reached during the last hour, the market closed at a net decline of 1 to 4 points. Spot cotton prices closed unchanged at 6.20c.

The New Orleans Cotton futures market was quiet and closed at a decline of 1 to 4 points. Spot cotton prices were reduced by 3 points to 6.04c.

While there is nothing either bullish or bearish in the general situation of raw cotton, prices are fluctuating within a narrow range. Operators are eagerly awaiting definite constructive developments. It is feared that there is too much cotton held off the market and any attempt on the part of bulls to raise prices might release the holdings. In the meantime trade is taking as much cotton as required, and when once the idea about the prospective acreage is ascertained, operators will enter the market on the constructive side.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York January highest 6.12 plus 04

New York January lowest 6.05 —03.

New York March highest 6.31 (opening)

New York March lowest 6.22 (2-20 p.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market dull featureless. Some trade buying. Continent, Japanese, New Orleans and Commission Houses buying. Some Liverpool and Southern selling. Wall Street and Local selling. See no cause for a material change in near future. Cotton goods market—fair business has been done at about same price. Yarn market unsettled and weaker.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 17

December	6.05—01
January	6.07—01
March	6.25—02
May	6.44—02
July	6.61—04
October	6.85—02
Middling Spot	6.20—

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Dec. 17

December	6.04—01
January	6.05—04
Middling Spot	6.04—03

New York 10-55 a.m. (As known in Liverpool at closing time)—

January	6.07
March	6.26
May	6.45

New York. Noon Call—

January	6.08
March	6.27
May	6.46

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, Dec. 17

Day's receipt at all U S Ports 49,000 bales

Day's exports to Great Britain 5,000 bales.

Day's exports to the Continent 11,000 bales.

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES

London, Dec 17.

Interest day to day loans 4 per cent.

Interest 7 days' market loans 4 3/4 per cent

Bank Bills 3 months 5 7/8 per cent

Bank Bills 6 months 6 3/16 per cent

Fine Trade Bills 3 months 6 3/4 per cent

Fine Trade Bills 6 months 6 7/8 per cent

LIVERPOOL COTTON

EXTREME DULLNESS.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.

The steady tone displayed by sterling exchange has checked speculative activity in cotton. Most of the recent activity in Liverpool cotton was partially due to improved situation in Lancashire and rapid fluctuations in sterling compared to dollar. But now both the factors have ceased to be price influencing elements as there is lull in the demand of Lancashire cloth and sterling seems to be stabilising around present level. The market opened at a decline of 3 to 4 points and relapsed into a state of extreme dullness until receipt of New York advices. Some hedge selling later eased of prices. The session was featureless and closed at a decline of 7 to 6 points. Middling American spot cotton prices improved 3 points at 5.14d.

East Indian cotton futures ruled easy and closed at a loss of 7 to 10 points. Egyptian cotton market was dull and prices declined 7 to 1 point.

The Alexandria cotton futures market was quiet but steady and closed at a rise of 1 to 5 points.

SITUATION SIMILAR TO 1926. Messrs. Thos Smith & Co. state:—

Market continues quiet but steady with a preholiday feeling. In 1926 with a large supply prices moved between 1215 and 1370 cents from middle of October to end of January 1927. As soon as a substantial acreage reduction seemed assured speculators entered the market and prices moved up rapidly. Consumption also increased but the large increase was shown in the East and Far East due to small Indian crop and consequent high parity.

Apart from financial and economic conditions and also the much lower price level the present position is very similar to 1926.

With the prospect of a very substantial acreage reduction next Season and also at least something good resulting from the forthcoming International Conference we adhere to our opinion and believe purchases made round about present levels will eventually prove very profitable.

PRIVATE CABLES—

Liverpool Lancashire little demand for cloth. Fear Japanese competition. Expect temporary decline.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool: New York cables, basis remains high. Little better demand for goods but stock exchange dominates.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.

December 1931		4.75—06
January 1932	4.77	4.73—07
February 1932		4.72—07
March 1932	4.77	4.73—07
April 1932		4.73—06
May 1932	4.77	4.74—06
June 1932		4.76—06
July 1932	4.80	4.78—06
August 1932		4.79—06
September 1932		4.81—06
October 1932	4.87	4.83—06
November 1932		4.85—06
December 1932		4.88—07
Middling Spot		5.14 plus 03

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Dec. 17.

SAKELLARIDIS—	
January	6.82
March	7.01
May	7.16
July	7.30
October	7.55
November	7.55
December	7.55
F G F Spot	7.15

INDIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Dec. 17.

BROACH—	
Fully Good (Good Staple)	4.63
Fine (Good Staple)	4.75
Superfine (Good Staple)	4.87
OOMRA—	
Good	4.35
Fulyl Good	4.45
Fine	4.60
BENGAL—	
Good	4.20
Fully Good	4.30
Fine	4.40
SCINDE—	
Fully Good	4.30
Fine	4.40
Superfine	4.50

COFFEE—NEW YORK MARKET.

London, Dec. 17.

Far Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)—Spot 7

Bombay Cotton.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

In sympathy with quiet advices from New York, our market opened at Rs. 192 for Broach A-M delivery and advanced to Rs. 193 on buying by Bazaar operators. At this level there was some long liquidation and prices declined to Rs. 191/4 but again advanced to Rs. 192/12 on buying by a prominent Bull operator. The Government crop estimate to be issued on Monday is expected to be a bullish one and operators are buying freely. Oomra D-J contract is keeping firm owing to absence of selling pressure and scarcity of cotton. Persistent buying by bulls and some short covering hardened prices to Rs. 194/4 before receipt of Liverpool opening cables.

Liverpool market opened better than expectation at a rise of 3 points. Later on weakness in Sterling Cross rate to 3.36½ hardened Liverpool prices which were 8 points up. Our market after advancing to Rs. 197/4 closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

Broach A/M. 196/12
Oomra D/J. 203/12
Oomra May 187/12
Bengal D/J. 175/4
Bengal March 171/4

SAMPIN QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

December	119.60—2.00
March	118.70—3.10
June	124.00—2.80

OFFICIAL COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, Dec. 18.

	Sup.	Fine	F.G.	Good
M. G. Bengal U.P.	188	184	180	176
M. G. Punjab	186	182	178	174
M. G. Oomra No. 3	223	219	215	
M. G. Oomra No. 1	235	231	227	
M. G. Oomra No. 2	228	224	220	

READY COTTON SALES.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

200 Bussan & Co. Dhulia New 14 on
111 Do. Nandarbar 213
71 Do. Dhamangaon 225
100 G. G. Kesha & Co. Indore 10 on
300 Valji Ladha Bengal 13 on
142 Do. Manavadar 3 on
102 G. G. Kesha & Co. Jaora 2 on
300 Do. Veraval 6 on
35 Do. Khandwa 214/8
85 H. Nenshi Sujapur 205
100 Valji Ladha Batva 196
68 Arjan Khimji Nimbahera 217
55 Kotak & Co. Sangrur 184 1/2

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

	New	Old
Bengal Superfine	191	179
Bengal Fine	186	174
Bengal F.G.	181	169
Sindh-Punjab Fine	186	174
Sindh-Punjab F.G.	181	169
Wardha-Hingt Fine	227	205
Nagpur Savner Fine	229	207
Yeotmal Fine	217	198
Arvi Fine	222	200
Amraoti Fine	215	197
Khamgaon-Akola Fine	215	197
Mulkapur Fine	205	192
Khandesh Fine	205	192
Muthia F.G.	197	175
Nanded/Purna F.G.G.S.		198
Jalna/Sailu F.G.G.S.		192
Parbhani F.G.G.S.		
Burwah Sanavad Fine		200
Ujjain/Shujaulpur Fine		195
Broach Fine		197
Broach F.G.		186
Cambodia		267
Miraj/Sangli		217
Compta Good		227
Jinja		287
Busoga		294

THE SEEDS TRADERS' ASSCN.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

Castorseed Delivery May Opening Rs. 33/8 Highest Rs. 33/14/6 Lowest Rs. 33/7 Closing Rs. 33/12/6

Groundnut Seeds Delivery Feb. Opening Rs. 33/2 Highest Rs. 33/11/6 Closing Rs. 33/9

LONDON RUBBER

London, Dec. 17.

Smoked Sheet Standard Ribbed lb Spot 3 1/16

CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 18

Bombay Dyeing	620	0	0
Fazal	291	4	0
Pearl	160	0	0
Tata Steel Ord.	20	14	0
Tata Steel Def.	305	0	0
Bombay Burma	300	0	0
3 1/2p.c. G. P. Notes	51	12	0

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PRODUCE RECTIPTS.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

Wheat May	4	12	0
Linseed May	6	8	3
Castor Seed	6	10	6
Cotton Seed	4	0	0
Groundnuts	6	8	0
Mowraseed	5	12	0
Poppyseed	8	12	0
Myroblams	20	8	0
Teelseed	6	8	0
Gram Punjab	36	0	0
Rapeseed	8	4	0

PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

	Bales.
Khandesh	121
Central India	413
Barsi/Nugger	453
Hyderabad/Gaorani	74
Berar	583
Central Provinces	93
Dhollera	916
N.-W. Provinces	485
Rajputana	54
Sind-Punjab	1,619
Compta/Dharwar	97
Egyptians	367
Cotton	5,280
	Cwts.
Wheat	8,308
Linseed	1,515
Rape, Rai & Mustardseeds	26
Gingellyseeds	9,246
Poppyseeds	19
Groundnuts	20,625
Castorseeds	1,065
Rice	5,568
Myrabollams	2,005
Cottonseeds	7,751
Gram	1,263
Joowar	2,923
Barley	200
Bajree	1,218
	Tons.
Coal	387

LONDON PRODUCE

London, Dec. 17.

Cottonseed Bombay ton—No offers.

Castorseed Bombay (Hull) ton—Dec/Jan sellers £12-15-0

Rapeseed Toria (Hull Con't) ton. Dec/Jan sellers £12-5-0

LONDON METALS

London, Dec. 17.

Copper Braziers £52

Yellow metal £42

Spelter Hard Indian Brands £13 1/2

Corrugated sheets 24 gauge £9 1/8

Tin English Ingots £141 1/4

NEW YORK DEMAND BILLS

London, Dec. 17.

Demands Bills 344.12

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BOMBAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1931

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SWARAJ, REAL REMEDY OF INDIAN NATIONALS' GRIEVANCES.

"No Loyalty By Legislation And Friendship By Coercion."

MRS. NAIDU INTERVIEWED BEFORE DEPARTING FOR S, AFRICA

LONDON, December 17.

"I am torn between intense impulse to return to India immediately because the crisis is impending there, and my duty to the Cinderella community in South Africa", declared Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, interviewed by Reuter on the eve of her departure for South Africa. The fate of thousands of her compatriots was involved in the success of the mission on which she and her colleagues were setting forth. "But my mind is heavy with anxiety about the immediate future of India, though my faith in its ultimate, not far distant, destiny is as radiant as ever.

Our path to freedom may be, indeed I think must be, the path of incalculable suffering and sacrifice. But the freedom of India cannot be achieved by organised terrorism on the part of blind and fanatical patriots, however brave and sincere. Nor can the freedom be retarded by official terrorism whether by repression or reprisals.

The only remedy for political discontent and anguish is liberty; and the only guarantee for peace between England and India is, as I have said at the Plenary session of the Round Table Conference, the timely generous and statesmanlike abdication of Britain's claim to dominate India. Loyalty by legislation and friendship by coercion are impossible between nations as between individuals. True friendship can only be a spontaneous gift between free nations on equal terms.

INDIAN PROBLEM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Referring to the Isdian problem in South Africa, she expressed the opinion that it was not a political issue, and was not based solely on racial or colour prejudice, but it was a problem of human adjustment on an equitable basis into which economic factors entered very largely.

The inequity of the situation, however, would continue in some measure, even with the best settlement as long as India's own status remained subject to foreign domination. The real remedy for Indian nationals abroad was inseparable from the larger problem of Indian freedom. That was a matter not merely for Indians in South Africa but for Indians everywhere.—Reuter.

FINED FOR USING WIRELESS SET WITHOUT LICENSE.

Mr. Y.R. Modholker, Headmaster, D.S. High School, Bhusaval, was placed before the 1st Class Magistrate, Bhusaval, on the 14th inst. on a charge of having set up wireless receiving apparatus in the D.S. School premises without a license under Section 4 and 20 of the Indian Telegraph Act.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 20. Mr. S.K. Banerjee, Wireless Inspector, conducted the prosecution.

BURMA HIGH COURTS.

Appointment Of Judges & Chief Judges.

ALL-INDIA SERVICES IN R. T. C. DEBATE.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The chief points on which difference of opinion was manifested at this morning's discussion of the High Court at the Burma Round Table Conference concerned the method of appointment of Judges and the eligibility of members of the Indian Civil Service for Chief Justiceship. It was agreed that Judges should be appointed by the Crown, but opinion was not unanimous whether the Crown should appoint them on the advice of Governor or through the Governor acting on the advice of Ministers.

Opponents to the appointment of members of the Indian Civil Service to Chief Justiceship suggested that they might be too closely associated with the Executive

The Committee concluded discussion of this head after dealing with other points including the age-limit, salaries and the removability of judges.

According to the provisional programme, discussion of the remaining heads including the position and powers of Ministers and the Governor and Finance, is expected to be completed by December 24 after which a draft report will be prepared which will probably come up for discussion in the Committee on December 31.

SERVICES.

Services, especially All-India Services, were considered at the afternoon sitting of the Burma Round Table Conference.

Mr. Ba Pe, opening discussion, paid a tribute to the relations between Services and people, and said that he was willing to give the right of retirement on proportionate pension to members of the Service for five years after the constitution was introduced. He thought that recruitment and cognate regulations and conditions should be left to the new Government. He emphasised his desire to reduce expenditure, while maintaining efficiency. He advocated the appointment of the Public Services Commission, members of which were to be appointed by the Governor. The proportion of the European element in the Services should be a matter for Government. The rights and privileges of transferred servants should be conserved during the first five years.

The desirability of continuance of recruitment of European element by the Secretary of State was emphasised by the British side and also by Europeans from Burma. These delegates also preferred not to fix the period for retirement on proportionate pension.

OPPOSITION TO RESERVATIONS

Mr. Tharrawaddy Pu opposed reservations with regard to the Services, holding that Burma must be free to recruit wherever they liked. He did not agree that members of the Public Services Commission should be appointed by the Governor alone, but advocated appointments on the advice of Ministers.

Mr. Wardlaw Milne drew attention to the rate of Burmanisation of Services, and expressed the opinion that in view of the rapidity with which it had been progressing it might not be desirable to lay down a definite proportion between Burmans and others.

The Committee agreed that ability alone should be qualification for appointment to all services and discussion ended.

The Committee then adjourned till to-morrow.

INFORMAL B. M. COMMITTEE

The Informal Burma Minorities Committee did not meet to-day in order to allow a further opportunity for conversations between groups.—Reuter.

HOOVER MORATORIUM BILL.

Passed As Amended By Committee.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Washington.—The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, has adopted an amendment to the Hoover Moratorium Bill, declaring that the cancellation or reduction of foreign debts is against the policy of the Congress.

(LATER).—The Committee has approved of the Moratorium Bill as amended.—Reuter.

GOLD STANDARD SUSPENSION AND AFTER.

No Conversion Of Bank Notes Into Gold.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

After suspension of the Gold Standard the Japanese Government has to-day decreed temporarily suspending the conversion of Bank Notes into gold except by license from the Minister of Finance.—Reuter.

GANDHIJI AND HOARE

The "Star" writes:—

One of the most unexpected personal results of the Round Table Conference has been the real liking that Mr. Gandhi has conceived for Sir Samuel Hoare, the new Conservative Minister for India.

Nothing would seem more unlikely than that this ultra correct and conventional Minister should have appealed to the very unconventional Indian leader, but the Mahatma recently said of him, "He is the only man who never tries to put up a gloss on things. He says just what he intends to do, and never tries to persuade me that this is really what I want."

LIKES HIS OPPOSITES.

Mr. Gandhi has had more intimate personal talks with Sir Samuel than with any of the other Ministers, even Lord Sankey.

It has been rather noticeable that the Premier and the Mahatma have made little effort towards personal contact with each other.

But both of them are inclined to be attracted by their opposites.

24 BEDARS ARRESTED.

Situation At Pachapur.

(From Our Correspondent)

DHARWAR, Dec. 16.

36 persons of the Bedar community were arrested in Pachapur as a sequel to their raids of crop cutting but they were let out on bail. No case has yet been instituted against those persons.

The people of Pachapur scenting more trouble lodged complaints against some more Bedars whereupon 20 males and 4 females of that community have again been arrested last week and detained in the lock-up at Hukkeri. This has stirred the whole community and the Bedar women-folk are now taking the place of the male members in preventing rightful owners by force from harvesting their fields They are reported to be sitting on the fences of the fields with stones and slings in their Sarees and bullying the peasants into letting the crop alone, as they say it originally belonged to them.

Men, women and children of the Bedar community, it is understood, have decided to march to Hukkeri next week when the Collector will visit that place for requesting the Collector to release those already arrested or including the whole community behind prison bars which they say will solve the problem as they are starving on account of the social boycott against them.

Sir F. L. Ross Leaves For Paris

(SPECIAL CABLE).

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Sir Frederick Leith Ross, the Deputy Controller of Finance, H.M. Treasury, left for Paris to-day, to exchange views with the French Government in connection with the forthcoming Reparations Conference.

A 5-HOUR STAY AT PORT-SAID.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Port Said.—Mahatma Gandhi remained on board the in the Port. The steamer has proceeded.—Reuter.

Kanji Master Gets 5 Years' Rigorous.

RAPE OF HINDU MINOR GIRL

LENIENT SENTENCE IN VIEW OF HIS AGE, SAYS JUDGE.

Kanji Karamsey Master, a Municipal Councillor, who was charged in the Criminal Sessions of the Bombay High Court with rape on a Hindu girl under fourteen years of age, was found unanimously 'guilty' by the Jury on Friday and Mr. Justice Blackwell, who presided, sentenced him to 5 years' rigorous imprisonment.

The Judge in passing sentence observed that he looked to his age which was 63, and, therefore passed a lenient sentence upon him than he would have upon a younger man.

In the case against Mr. Kanji Master, in the Bombay High Court Criminal Sessions, Mr. Velinkar resuming his address on Friday to the Jury for the defence said the locality where the offence is alleged to have been committed, is a crowded locality and the ground-floor of the building is tenanted and not deserted. It was therefore, improbable that the offence was committed at the particular time and particular place. Besides, it was admitted that the school was handed over to the Bombay Municipality and it was unlikely that the Municipal school authorities would keep the school premises unlocked. The improbability was, therefore, enhanced for the accused to go there. Then the girl after being ravished did not notice any blood marks when she went home and washed her private parts although this was done after one hour of the alleged incident.

INCREDIBLE INCIDENT.

Counsel then asked the jury to consider the case of a girl whose hymen is ruptured, who goes home and sleeps well without any discomfort and goes to school next morning as usual. Counsel then submitted that the prosecution was improving since it came to the Sessions Court. The burning of the blood-stained clothes was an extraordinary and incredible incident.

Counsel submitted prosecution story was full of discrepancies and contradictions and the story of the burning of the clothes was a mere concoction. He urged the jury to discard the story of burning of the clothes as absolutely and wholly untrue and an invention. The reason why the father of the girl did not tackle the accused immediately after he heard the statement of the girl was that he did not believe in her story and that was the reason why the girl did not repeat the story before Dr. Mehesheri. Even Dr. Mehesheri did not believe the story as he did not question the accused till 31st August. And when the accused was questioned by Dr. Mehesheri, he indignantly denied the allegations and challenged the father to go to the police.

"RUBBISH STORY."

Counsel, therefore, averred that there could not have been a more utterly absurd and rubbish story before the Jury.

He urged the Jury not to believe Dr. Mehesheri, as it was impossible that a sensible man like the accused would put up the thumb story. Like the clothes the documents passed between the accused and the father of the girl have been destroyed. This did not appear to be quite natural and the Jury were entitled to discredit it.

The father of the girl was an insolvent and wanted to get some money from the accused but as he remained adamant and referred the father to the police, that the case was got up. The foundation of the case, said counsel, depended upon the girl, and if that foundation was destroyed, the whole superstructure crumbled down.

HUMAN NATURE NOT SO DEPRAVED.

Was it possible, he asked, that an old decrepit man, practically on the way to his grave, a Municipal Councillor, and a teacher, would commit such an act as alleged against him? Counsel averred that the human nature had not been so much depraved.

Then there was no evidence that the girl was raped. It might that some foreign body might have got in and she bled or some body else must have raped her.

PLEA OF IMPOTENCY.

The accused in his statement said, he was 63 years old and was impotent for the last six years. The Jury was the judge of facts and it was for the jury to consider whether a man with weak frame, a man with fragile frame and a man more dead than living would commit rape on the girl. Counsel then asked the jury to discard the story regarding visit to the bungalow of Khan Bahadur Petigara as nothing about it was mentioned in the lower Court till the last part of the prosecution case, when it was crumbling and tottering. This was a police case and police prestige being involved, it was ably supported by the Deputy Commissioner of Police Khan Bahadur Petigara.

JUDGE SUMS UP.

His Lordship in summing up said it was an extremely painful case. It was a terrible thing to see a man of the age and antecedents of the accused to be charged with this character. It was also a painful thing to see a young girl giving evidence in the way she did. The judge asked the jury to approach the case with the assumption that the accused was innocent and to discard all that they might have read or heard about the case outside that Court. He then analysed the evidence and said if the girl's story was not [illegible] there was an end of the case.

"NO CONCOCTION."

The jury however to [illegible] that the girl stood cross-examination for several hours at the hands of one of the most experienced counsel in Bombay, if the case was concocted, she would have completely broken down. If the case was concocted, the girl would have been coached by some body against the accused, that person also would have coached that she screamed, and she came down and complained to her parents. But as nothing of that kind was done, it was probable, that the story was not concocted. Then the jury had to consider that if the girl was raped by some body else, was it likely that a little girl like that would implicate an aged person in the position of the accused. Then if the case was concocted would the parents burn the blood-stained clothes, which would be most incriminating evidence against the accused? If they did so it would be a very curious thing. Then, was it possible that the father, for the sake of Rs. or Rs. 2000, would implicate his girl? On the other hand, the father said: "For goodness sake burn away those clothes" and hush up the matter."

Then the jury had to bear in mind for what motive Dr. Mehesheri, a J.P., Hon. Presidency Magistrate—and old friend of the accused should go into the witness box and give evidence against him. The jury also had to consider why a man in the position and responsibility of Khan Bahadur Petigara should come forward and invent a story against the accused.

GIRL'S EVIDENCE.

His Lordship then directed the jury on points of law and again coming to the evidence, said the story of the thumb made by the accused to Dr. Mehesheri and Khan Bahadur Petigara corroborated the evidence of the girl that she was with the accused at the time of the incident. The girl's evidence was therefore quite good.

The jury then retired to consider their verdict.

Before passing the sentence the judge asked Mr. Velinkar, if

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MR. SHERWANI'S REJOINDER.

U. P. GOVT, HAVE DISTORTED "CLEAR MEANING" OF TWO SENTENCES "TO SUIT THEIR PURPOSE."

In their statement issued by the United Provinces Government simultaneously with the Ordinance, describing the measures of preparation taken by the Congress organisation to resume the struggle, a passage has been quoted from a letter dated Oct. 21, from the President of the Provincial Congress Committee to all district and town Congress Committees and in reply to this reference, Mr. Sherwani, President of the Provincial Congress Committee, gave the following statement to a Press representative:—

'In to-day's issue of the local papers a summary of the Government communique in justification of the U.P. Ordinance has been published and my attention has been drawn to a reference which is made in it to a letter of mine. Two sentences torn out of their context have been noted. Even of these two sentences three very important words have been omitted from one of them. The letter read as a whole will show clearly that it does not bear the construction sought to be placed upon these sentences. The letter was directed against communalist and the economic situation was touched only to show that it had the potentiality to unite all the communities. I never expected that the Government of Sir Malcolm Hailey would descend to such a level as to distort the clear meaning of the two sentences in a long circular letter to suit their purpose.'

TEXT OF CIRCULAR LETTER.

The following is the text of the letter of Mr. Sherwani to all district and town Congress Committees from which the Government have quoted two sentences:—

'You must have noticed in the stage provided by the Round Table Conference. It has become quite apparent now, that communalism must be killed at any cost. At times, I feel that our organisation is also to be blamed considerably for tolerating it so long with philosophical calm. The idea generally is that it is the duty of every Mussalman to bring the Muslims in the Congress-fold, while as a matter of fact the Congress is not a communal organisation, and it is the duty of every Congressman whether Hindu or Mussalman to carry out Congress propaganda in all and every community. In this respect "the agrarian situation has come to our rescue and we should take the fullest advantage of the situation. I am sure, if we stir a bit the entire tenantry of the province to whatever community it may belong, would come within our fold."

'I, therefore, ask you to enrol as many Muslim members as possibly can. My ambition is that by the time the communalists come back, I may be in a position to show that in my province at least, it is the Congress which represents the Muslim masses. I hope and trust you will help me to your utmost in realising this my ambition. I further hope that if the Congress economic programme is explained to the masses the masses will rush to the Congress without much difficulty.' (The portion quoted by the Government is given above in " ").

The notice issued previously under Section 144, Cr. P.C., was served to-day on Mr. Sherwani.—("Leader.")

DENIAL OF INTERVIEW CONFIRMED.

No Precipitate Action To Be Taken.

ENTREATY TO AUTHORITIES BEFORE RESORTING TO DIRECT ACTION.

LONDON, December 17.

A message received in London from Mahatma Gandhi confirming the denial of the "Giornale d'Italia" interview, says that the last interview he gave was to Reuter at Villeneuve, where he had asked the people of India not to make any hasty decision, but to await his statement.

The message adds that he will not take any precipitate action but will make ample previous entreaty to the authorities should Direct Action become unfortunately necessary. He asks for widest publicity for this message.—Reuter.

50 PER CENT. DUTY ON LUXURIES.

Cinematograph Films And Underwear Not Touched.

(SPECIAL CABLE).

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The third anti-dumping order imposes from the 19th December, a duty of 50 per cent. on large variety of manufactured articles, mainly luxuries, including hosiery, stockings, cotton tissues, household cotton goods, flags, and handkerchiefs. The order includes illuminated glassware, cameras, photographic material (but not cinematograph films), wireless valves, electric lamps, and fitments ropes and cordage, garments (not underwear), rubber-proofed tissues, spotring rifles and cartridges and lawn mowers.

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